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ARMY PLACES EMERGENCY ORDER

Indian Army has contracted Pune-based defence manufacturer Nibe Ltd to procure equipment and ammunition for its universal rocket launchers

ROCKETS TO HAVE STRIKING RANGE OF 300 KM

"The Company has entered into Supply Contract with the Indian Army for Manufacturing and Supply of Ground Equipment, Accessories, ESP and Ammunition for Universal Rocket Launcher System capable of integrating multiple rocket types including rockets striking at ranges of 150 km and 300 km for a consideration of ₹292.69 cr," Nibe said in an exchange filing

ORDER TO BRING ISRAELI FIRM'S 'PULS' SYSTEMS TO INDIA

In July 2025, NIBE had entered into an agreement with Elbit Systems, Israel to manufacture PULS multiple rocket launcher systems in India. Sources said the latest order is for PULS | P12

12 THE ORDER IS SUPPOSED TO BE EXECUTED AND DELIVERED WITHIN 12 MONTHS

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RAMNATH GOENKA SAHITHYA SAMMAN

I am really affirmed that stories from the farthest places in the map also belong to the centre of the literary world in India

Subi Taba, RNGSS winner for Best Fiction

History, politics, biographies... people, all come alive as narrative non-fiction

Sudeep Chakravarti, RNGSS awardee for Best Non-Fiction

I hope this award will help in putting the lives of workers at the forefront, who don't even get a minimum daily wage

Where varied voices converge

Vice President of India C P Radhakrishnan and *The New Indian Express* group Chairman Manoj Kumar Sonthalia, his wife Kalpana Sonthalia, *TNIE* CEO Lakshmi Menon, Editor Santwana Bhattacharya, Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla, Dinamani Editor K Vaidiyanathan, TN ministers Palanivel Thiaga Rajan and Ma Subramanian with the Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman recipients Dr Chandrashekhara Kambara, Neha Dixit, Subi Taba and Sudeep Chakravarthi, at an event in Chennai on Friday | ASHWIN PRASATH

Fearless journalism, literature vital for democracy, says V-P

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

STRESSING that no nation can emerge without fearless journalism and deep literature, Vice President C P Radhakrishnan on Friday said freedom of expression remains the cornerstone of Indian democracy. He was speaking at the third edition of the Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman (RNGSS), *The New Indian Express* (*TNIE*) group's annual literary award honouring excellence in Indian writing, which was held in the city.

At the event, legendary playwright Dr Chandrashekhara Kambara was conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his decades-long contribution to literature, particularly Kannada poetry, theatre and folklore-based writing. Kambara is among India's most revered literary figures — a Kannada writer, thinker, playwright, folklorist and theatre activist whose life's work has profoundly shaped the nation's cultural imagination.

Subi Taba won the RNGSS for Best Fiction for *Tales from the Dawn-Lit Mountains*, Sudeep Chakravarti received the award for Best Non-Fiction for *Fallen City: A Double Murder, Political Insanity, and Delhi's Descent from Grace*, while Neha Dixit won the Best Debut award for *The Many Lives of Syeda X: The Story of an Unknown Indian.*

Speaking at the event, Vice President Radhakrishnan paid rich tributes to Ramnath Goenka, doyen of Indian print journalism and the visionary founder of *The New Indian Express* group, saying he stood firm for journalistic integrity, intellectual courage and democratic values during some of the most challenging periods in the nation's history.

"Goenka remains the conscience keeper of Indian democracy. His commitment to fearless expression continues to inspire generations," he said. Recalling Goenka's resistance during Emergency, the Vice President said he demonstrated the power of silence by publishing a blank editorial as a mark of protest against press censorship.

Addressing the gathering, *TNIE* CMD Manoj Kumar Sonthalia said the award was a tribute to writers who wield the pen with courage, imagination and integrity.

He recalled the legacy of Ramnath Goenka, describing him as a steadfast believer in the power of the printed word, not merely as a vehicle for news, but as an engine of ideas and an instrument of change.

TN ministers Palanivel Thiaga Rajan and Ma Subramanian, *TNIE* Editor Santwana Bhattacharya, Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla, CEO Lakshmi Menon and *Dinamani* Editor K Vaidiyanathan participated.

Dinamani boxed item led me to V-P's office: CPR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

RECALLING that reading a news item in Tamil daily *Dinamani*, a sister publication of the *TNIE* group, shaped his political journey and eventually led him to one of the country's highest constitutional offices, Vice President C P Radhakrishnan on Friday said fearless journalism has the power to change lives, as he paid tribute to Ramnath Goenka at the third edition of the Ramnath Goenka Sahitya Samman (RNGSS) in Chennai.

Goenka believed ideas must circulate freely, questions must be asked — and more importantly, answered

The Vice President said a boxed item carried next to *Dinamani's* masthead, a format which has now changed, reported a protest by the Jana Sangh, the predecessor of the BJP, against the Turkish Consulate in Delhi. The protest was against Turkey's decision to ban books written by former President S Radhakrishnan, including *The Hindu View of Life*.

"Nobody questioned it (book ban) at that time. Only Jana Sangh, under the leadership of Vijay Kumar Malhotra ji, staged a dharna outside the Turkish Consulate. That impressed me," he said. Radhakrishnan added that he spent nearly a year searching for the party before eventually joining Jana Sangh, a decision, which he said, has now led him to the office of the Vice President.

Radhakrishnan described Ramnath Goenka as a towering figure who stood firm for journalistic integrity, intellectual courage and democratic values during some of the most challenging periods in the nation's history.

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EC rejects TMC bid to push BLAs at SIR hearing sessions

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission of India (ECI) has rejected the Trinamool Congress' request to allow the party's booth level agents (BLAs) at the hearing sessions regarding the draft voters' list. The ongoing second stage of the three-phase Special Intensive Revision exercise focuses on hearing sessions on claims and objections.

Sources said if the TMC's request is accepted, the poll panel will have to accept similar demands from other political parties — six national and two state parties.

TMC claimed the ECI deliberately rejected the party's plea because other registered political parties in the state, especially the BJP, do not have enough strength to field BLAs for all hearing tables.

ECI sources said the poll panel cannot operate on such assumptions.

BALLARI CLASH

SP suspended, 5 guns seized, 11 booked

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

THE state government suspended Ballari Superintendent of Police Pavan Nejjuru on charges of dereliction of duty following clashes between BJP and Congress workers that led to the death of a Congress worker due to a bullet injury and stone-throwing while a banner was being put up near the statue of Maharshi Valmiki in Ballari city on Thursday.

The SP, who took charge on December 31, was suspended within 24 hours. He was earlier working as SP in Lokayukta in Bengaluru.

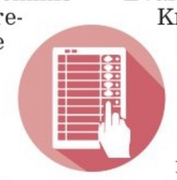
In connection with the incident, the police seized five firearms from two gunmen. A case was registered at the Brucepet police station against 11 people, including Janardhan Reddy (accused no. 1), his brother Somashekar Reddy and former minister B Sriramulu, based on complaints filed by Congress workers, who alleged provocation and murder. BJP too filed a counter-complaint against Congress MLA Nara Bharath Reddy and five others.

After the incident, the inauguration of Valmiki statue was postponed due to security reasons. CONTINUED ON: P4

Majority in K'taka trusted EVMs during '24 polls, finds EC survey

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

IN a disappointment to Congress and Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, who had launched a campaign against BJP and Election Commission of India, accusing them of indulging in 'vote chori', besides expressing suspicions over electronic voting machines (EVMs), a detailed survey commissioned by the Election Commission indicates that 83.61% of respondents expressed trust in the electoral process and EVMs. The study also reflected the growing influence of money and muscle power in Bengaluru and Mysuru divisions.



The study also mentioned its limitations, stating that respondents may have provided socially desirable or inaccurate responses on sensitive topics like inducements, trust in EVMs or political beliefs, affecting data reliability.

The overall duration of the study was short, limiting deeper engagement with communities and reducing the opportunity to capture temporal changes in behaviour or awareness, it said. The sample size and the selected constituencies in the baseline and endline surveys were different, and the study did not follow the same cohort of respondents, which weakens longitudinal comparison and limits the ability to assess true behavioural change over time, it elaborated.

The study, 'Lok Sabha Elections 2024 - Evaluation of Endline Survey of Knowledge, Attitude and Practice (KAP) of Citizens' for the Karnataka Monitoring and Evaluation Authority (KMEA), under the Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Department of the state, was commissioned to assess the outcomes of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme implemented by the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Karnataka. The study was conducted in mid-May 2025 and the Mysuru-based NGO Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM) evaluated and published the 305-page report in August.

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EXPRESS READ

K'taka may get own employment scheme, keep Gandhi name

Bengaluru: Condemning the Centre's move to replace the MGNREGA with the VB-G RAM G Bill, the Karnataka cabinet decided to formulate its own employment guarantee scheme and retain the name of Mahatma Gandhi | P4

CET to be held on April 23, 24; registration begins from Jan 17

Bengaluru: The Common Entrance Test 2026 will be held on April 23 and 24 and the registration will begin on January 17. While CET for Physics and Chemistry will be held on April 23, Maths and Biology will be held on April 24 | P5

Patients go missing from Nimhans, Kidwai

RASHMI PATIL @Bengaluru

IN a matter of grave concern, 55 patients who had come for consultation to the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (Nihmans) and Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology went missing from January 1, 2024 to August 14, 2025. Of them, three are yet to be traced and handed back to their families.

The majority of them went missing at the most unexpected moments -- when their caretakers were collecting bills, buying medications, busy with phone calls or even while sharing their experiences with others in the OPD.

As per the missing persons record at the Siddapura police station in Jayanagar, Kadappa Rodannavar (81) went missing from NIMHANS on May 23, 2024 and Munikrishnappa (70) on November 6, 2025. Similarly, Shantaswamy (52) went missing on April 30, 2025 from Kidwai hospital premises. They have remained untraced.

Dr Arvind HR, Deputy Medical Superintendent, NIMHANS, said, "People with mental health illness have a tendency to run away and we trace them and hand them back to their family members. We also have an Incident Reporting Committee at the hospital that looks into missing person cases. In most instances, patients who go missing suffer mainly from schizophrenia and bipolar disorders, while some would have been diagnosed with dementia." CONTINUED ON: P7

Missing data

2025

22 patients from NIMHANS, **3** from Kidwai went missing

2024

27 patients from NIMHANS and **3** from Kidwai went missing

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• **Gulikakala:** 06:00 am to 07:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER

MIN 17°C | MAX 28°C

FORECAST Cloudy

Sunrise 06.42 am
Sunset 06.05 pm
Moonrise 06.06 pm
Moonset 06.29 am

GBA to take agencies to task for digging roads without nod

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GREATER Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao has given instructions to the officials of parastatal agencies like Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Bengaluru Water Supply Water Board (BWSSB) and Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) that if any department cuts a road without permission within the GBA limits, a case will be registered along with a fine.

Addressing a coordination meeting regarding the problems faced during the implementation of works undertaken by various departments within the GBA limits, he said that if there is a need to cut a road in the city, it is mandatory to obtain permission through the "MARKS" software. He warned that no department can cut a road without permission.

"Applications received through the MARKS software for cutting a road within the respective municipal corporation limits should be examined, and permission should be granted immediately. After obtaining permission, the officials must complete the work at the earliest and carry out the road repair work properly," said Rao.

The GBA chief added that departments concerned should prepare and submit a preliminary list of road cutting in the coming days. Speaking about the last mile connectivity, Rao said that last mile connectivity in the city should be given more speed.

Last-mile connectivity work has already started in many places under the National Clean Air Program (NCAP) grant and instructed the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) to complete the necessary infrastructure, including a feeder bus system, parking facilities, construction of sky walk, and the arrangement of bus stands within the time limit.

To keep footpaths clean, each municipal corporation should purchase five water jetting machines from the Bangalore Solid Waste Management Ltd. Later, he instructed them to regularly clean the footpaths using these machines, he said.

Rehabilitation gets delayed as more applicants queer the pitch at Kogilu

350sqft 1BHKs to be given under 'Chief Minister's One Lakh Homes for Urban Poor'

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE state government has been left flummoxed as it has received 257 applications for rehabilitation as against the 165 houses demolished in Kogilu. Continuing the document verification, the officials, however, said that no Bangladeshi national was found at the contentious site.

Meanwhile, the slum-dwellers who were assured houses under Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation (RGHC) were left out in cold, and the situation may continue for a few more days as the officials from revenue, Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), RGHC continue to scan and evaluate voter ID, Aadhaar card, electricity bills, domicile certificate and others which are criteria for rehabilitation.

An official said that so far, 100 families have been identified. The families are from Andhra Pradesh, and had settled in Karnataka 25 years ago. There are also residents from Kalaburagi, Bagepalli, Tumakuru, Tiptur, Raichur, and surroundings.

"But we have received more applications. We will consider only those with five-year domicile proof," said an official.

On December 20, BSWML had demolished 165 houses built on encroached government land at Kogilu Layout in Yelahanka | KEVIN NASHON

Meanwhile, Manohar Elavarthi, a social activist from 'Dudiyojanara Vedike' engaged in the welfare of slum-dwellers and the Fakeer community, said that there are reports of moving the displaced from the site in bus on the pretext of taking them to homes. "There are also reports that the district administration will take the entire site into its custody in a week's time. The government has not yet confirmed the total number of eligible dwellers. Hence, most of them here are hesitant to leave the site," he said.

According to a senior politician who had visited the site, one bedroom hall and kitchen area measuring 350 sqft will be given to beneficiaries to under 'Chief Minister's One Lakh Homes for Urban Poor' scheme announced in the 2025 budget and the corporation will chip in with Rs 5 lakh to beneficiaries and the remaining part of the amount will be covered by the housing department itself.

On Thursday, Housing Minister BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan had assured to shift the dwellers to quarters at Baiyappanahalli near Chagalatti in Bengaluru East taluk which is 7 kms away from the demolished site. But the process is likely to get delayed as officials began a re-survey at Fakeer colony, consisting of over 70 homes, on Friday.

Syed Khader Basha, a leader representing the Fakeer community, said that he received confirmation from officials that the process of handing over homes of deserving dwellers will be held on Monday, as the process of verification has been extended till January 3.

The housing department officials also attended a meeting with Chief Minister on allotment of flats to dwellers, but as Revenue Minister Krishna Byregowda was not in town, the meeting was postponed to January 5.

SHRC directs temporary relief

In a recommendation to the state government, Karnataka State Human Rights Commission has directed the government to make alternative housing arrangements immediately for all the families affected.

The interim recommendation by SHRC includes setting up tents at the nearby government grounds, hot food, clean drinking water, mobile health centres and toilet arrangements for the homeless.

NATIONAL HANDLOOM EXPO KICKS OFF IN BENGALURU

Textiles Minister Shivanand Patil, MLA K Gopalaiah and others at the National Handloom Expo at Mahalakshmi Layout on Friday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

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THE National Handloom Expo commenced on January 2, offering urban consumers direct access to India's traditional weaving heritage in Bengaluru. Handwoven silks, cottons and crafts from Karnataka and across the country have found a common marketplace, which runs till January 15 at Rani Abbakka Playground in Mahalakshmi Layout.

Textiles Minister Shivanand Patil inaugurated the event, visited several stalls and interacted with the weavers. He credited Cauvery Handlooms Federation for organising the expo and said the state government is considering a new State Textile Policy aimed at strengthening traditional textile sectors.

The expo is a central government's initiative that aims to counter the impact of rapid urbanisation and mass-produced mill fabrics by creating a competitive and accessible platform for handloom workers.

K Jyoti Commissioner for Textile Development and Director of Handlooms for Karnataka said that, "Handloom products reflect generations of craftsmanship. This platform allows people to buy authentic sarees and fabrics from regions they may never be able to travel to". She stressed that accessibility was central to the expo's design, creating a fair market access for both the weaver and the customer.

The expo features 80 stalls, 50 of them from outside Karnataka, offering sarees and variety of fabrics, and home decor such as lamp shades.

Sapthagiri NPS University showcases 450 student projects at expo

Bengaluru: The School of Engineering and Technology at Sapthagiri NPS University organised Project Expo 2025-26, showcasing around 450 projects developed by students. The exhibition highlighted innovative hardware and software solutions aimed at addressing real-world challenges. The event was inaugurated by the university registrar H Ramakrishna. The hardware section featured projects such as smart waste management systems, smart sprinkler systems for agriculture, and multi-level security systems. The software section showcased game development projects and chatbot-based food ordering systems among others. ENS

TENDERS CALLED

Peenya to get STP water from Nagasandra

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BENGALURU Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) Chairman Ram Prasath Manohar stated that tenders have been invited to fulfil 4 Million Litre Per Day (MLD) of ultrapure treated water from Nagasandra Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) to Peenya Industrial Area. He said that the project aims to supply uninterrupted treated-water to Peenya, which is one of Asia's largest industrial hubs. The primary objective of this scheme is to supply high-grade water at an affordable cost to support the growth and operations of small-scale industries in the region.

According to the BWSSB chief, to ensure the water remains uncontaminated, a Dedicated Distribution Network (DDN), is being laid. The 27-km HDPE pipeline will be installed to reach industrial units. A 5 Lakh Litre capacity Overhead Tank (OHT) will be put in place supporting storage and pumping along with the construction of a sump cum pump house and installation of pumping machinery.

The 4 MLD of water sourced from the Nagasandra STP will undergo state-of-the-art purification, to reach 'Ultra-Pure Treated Water' standards.

TRANSPORT

Citizens should help govt come out of its tunnel vision

STARTING Point 2026

To predict urban mobility outlook for Bengaluru in 2026, one must know the prevailing baseline. Sadly, it isn't good. 2025 will go down as 'Annus Horribilis' for urban mobility. BBMP and, later on, B-SMILE spent most of 2025 in an ill-advised pursuit of car-centric tunnel roads and a patchwork elevated roads relying on perverse cut-paste studies. Will 2026 see a respite? It has to, for Bengaluru's sake. If not, future generations will not look on us kindly. Citizens must find the inspiration to strongly call out and stop the government's tunnel-visioned unscientific plans. Sustainable solutions are already known, but the will to implement isn't there. Solutions don't necessarily mean capital intensive projects. Simple operational optimisation measures alleviates much of the traffic problem. What should Bengaluru do in 2026?

SATYA ARIKUTHARAM
Independent mobility expert

Adopt agile tactical planning and implementation
Traffic jams are amalgamation of accumulated road inefficiencies. Reducing turbulence (frequent braking), removing viscosity (capacity mismatches) and ensuring smooth weaving (lane changes), will remove wave propagation (traffic jams). Common sense measures like relocating bottleneck bus-stops, storage lanes for turning traffic, synchronised signals and enabling dynamic lane reversals reduces traffic congestion at many choke points.

Bus, metro, suburban rail, walk and cycle are foundational mobility elements
Public transport works best when it is integrated end-to-end. Fragmented public transport plans emerging from silo thinking of BMTC, BMRCL, and K-RIDE needs integration. Bengaluru doesn't require the fancy skydeck, it requires functional skywalks for accessing destinations and not just to cross streets. Bengaluru's salubrious weather allows us to reimagine commuting. For example, a skywalk garden that connects Lalbagh and Cubbon Park will inspire a very different commute culture.

Comprehensive Mobility Plan is mobility master plan
Bengaluru's CMP is due for an update. A fully consulted and funded CMP that supports the expeditious implementation of metro and suburban rail network along with bus fleet augmentation is the need. A plan that provides goals, sets priorities and timelines to implementing agencies prevents arbitrary wasteful investments.

Digital ride-hailing shouldn't be a wasted opportunity
Digital ride hailing in Bengaluru operates in a regulatory void. Fare negotiations for autos and taxis have merely shifted from street bargaining to opaque digital algorithms. All good cities have pragmatic regulatory frameworks and so should Bengaluru. Government must engage in meaningful conversations with all stakeholders to restore compliance to regulations and make digital ride hailing reliable and professional.

Empowered BMLTA
Establishing a world-class professional BMLTA should be the city's top priority. The government should commit adequate seed funding to professionally build the BMLTA organisation with fresh thinking and modern recruitment practices. Government should avoid the trap of building the organisation with seconded employees from other organisations and retired bureaucrats. The city must be vigilant to ensure BMLTA doesn't end up as yet another dysfunctional bureaucratic organisation.

Future proofing public transportation
Bengaluru is already blessed with good plans. Just take a look at the existing, planned and potential metro and suburban rail network. It is so extensive that when built citizens will use public transport by choice! Bengaluru can get there by 2035 but the precondition is it must return to the mobility basics in 2026. Citizens should help the government come out of its tunnel vision and make 2026 "Annus Mirabilis", a remarkable year for sustainable urban mobility planning. All it requires is unrelenting public transport and active mobility focus. And, of course, truly holding implementing agencies to account.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

03rd January : Wolf Moon Echoes Wolves appear to be howling at the moon, but what they are really doing is howling to one another. They howl to greet, to celebrate, to warn and most often simply to find one another. Under the first supermoon of the new year, who is it you would like to reach? Send your signal to the moon and it just might land in the heart of another.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You'll catch a glimpse of future you: the version who lives with more freedom. It'll arrive unexpectedly in a thought or feeling. Keep revisiting the vision because this is an anchor for the changes to come.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Access to information is easy these days; it's the organization and application that will move you forward. Today brings the right situation. It's perfect for practicing. You'll get the hands-on experience you need as well.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
You step into a remarkable moment of honesty. Why pretend to tolerate the things that drain you? Admit your feelings, at least to yourself. This clarity will rearrange your world. Truth is the perfect compass.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Go boldly forward, not because luck is on your side, but because it isn't. No good luck, no bad luck either -- everything is neutral, so it's all on you. A confident advance will tip the scales of fortune your way.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Productivity is not the sole measure of worth. Tend to holistic values such as rest, delight, relationships and curiosity. It's more fun to cross things off your list when there are actually fun things on your list.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Hoping for a magical fix or heroic save? It's so human, it may be one of the most relatable feelings in the world. Take a day away from the issue. Buy yourself time. Complex problems don't have to be solved in a day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
You made a commitment long ago. The enthusiasm so abundant then is now waning. How do you spark excitement again? Competition, inspiration or challenge can do it. Today delivers exactly the element needed to make things interesting again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Beginning isn't always the hard part. You recently entered a project with high energy. The true test of your grit will be how you handle the slump in the middle. Set yourself up for tenacity. Give yourself extra incentives.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Emotionally intertwined, you feel someone's pain, joy, interest, irritation and more. Are they feeling you too? Do you want them to? Is this relationship balanced? Sustainable? Today brings questions and answers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You're used to setting your own goals, but it's not the only way. You'll love what happens today when you fall into someone else's plan featuring you. You'll shine in a different and new way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Yesterday's move doesn't work today. It's a new game, and the rules have yet to be established. Step back and watch. Consider whether it's even worth it, or fair, to participate now when so little has been established.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Make a commitment and go. Only then will you know what you're capable of. You can't see the destination yet, not even with your mind's eye. But journey on. With each step, you'll be able to see further.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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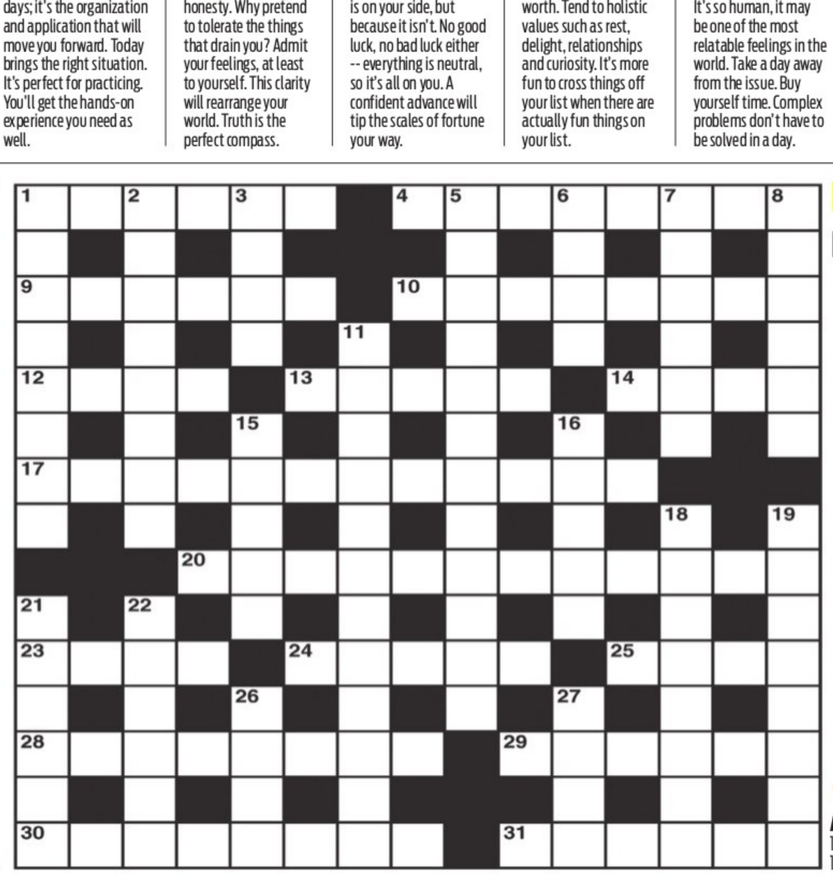

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Manage to hold (6)
4 Song relating to a lazy fellow (8)
9 Study of the French at first is boring (6)
10 Said to be celebrated (8)
12 Carry to terrible extremes (4)
13 Mark new sheets and pillowcases (5)
14 Country in which hope runs high (4)
17 They're worn after the match (7,5)
20 What the moth does is revealed (5,2,5)
23 How Beethoven finished a set of four notes (4)
24 He's fixedly resolved to leave a small piece out (5)
25 British painter. Constable for example? (4)
28 Advances or returns (8)
29 Girl goes round northern docks (6)
30 Use hands to make some protection from heat (8)
31 Kept going - or didn't (6)

DOWN

1 Built-up area of urban development (4,4)
2 When the water moving ain't deep (4,4)
3 Keel over in the vegetable patch (4)
5 E.g. for example? (12)
6 Sailor boy in his hammock (4)
7 I've now become available for inspection (2,4)
8 Monotony I find in strangely muted setting (6)
11 Not thinking of getting married? (6-6)
15 Turn to someone important for backing (5)
16 Gets the one-fifty in time being nimble (5)
18 Shame! (8)
19 Widespread colours (8)
21 Commercials about smart fashions (6)
22 Dilly-dally with nothing on in the pool (6)
26 Me and mum work together (4)
27 Survive to the end (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Match, 4 Husband, 8 Nor, 9 Manifesto, 10 Bananas, 11 Ulnas, 13 Sturdy, 15 Settle, 18 Avail, 19 Deprive, 21 Hollywood, 23 Men, 24 Recedes, 25 Loyal.

Down: 1 Minibus, 2 Tarantula, 3 Human, 4 Honest, 5 Suffuse, 6 Ass, 7 Drops, 12 Nuts in May, 14 Delayed, 16 Eternal, 17 Odious, 18 Abhor, 20 Pedal, 22 Lac.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

OSMEU

RAEPO

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SGPSIO

Berry, you're too much! Let's try this "Hurry Love" song.
Diana, you may have the best voice I've ever heard! Let's make another hit!
WHEN IT CAME TO BEING A LEAD SINGER, DIANA ROSS WAS ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print the answer here:

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FLOSS GAFFE DENTAL CAVIAR
Answer: The meteorologist bought a new fishing pole — FOR CASTING

Three people from Odisha have been arrested by the KP Agrahara police for killing an auto driver Rechanna (36), who was returning home after the New Year celebrations. The victim was murdered near his residence on 4th Cross in Bhuvaneshwari Nagar. Rage was said to be the reason behind the murder. The accused were identified as Sagar Das, Sourabh Biswal, and Subrakanth Bhuvia

PRISON RADICALISATION CASE

NIA chargesheets psychiatrist, ASI, mother of accused

Charges filed against nine persons earlier

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on January 1 chargesheeted three more accused in the 2023 Bengaluru prison radicalisation case linked with the proscribed Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror organisation. In its second supplementary chargesheet, the agency has named then prison psychiatrist on deputation Dr Nagaraj S; mother of accused absconder Junaid Ahmed, Anees Fathima, and then assistant sub-inspector (ASI), City Armed Reserve (CAR) - South, Bengaluru City, Chand Pasha A under various sections of the erstwhile Indian Penal Code (IPC), Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), Explosive Substances Act, Prevention of Corruption Act, and Karnataka Prisons Act.

The NIA, which took over the case from local police in October 2023, had earlier chargesheeted nine accused, including absconder Junaid. The case, originally registered by Bengaluru City Police in July 2023, related to the recovery of arms, ammunition and digital devices from habitual offenders who had "planned to unleash terror in the city with the intent of disrupting India's sovereignty and security. The activities, aimed at promoting LeT's interests, were part of a larger conspiracy to facilitate the escape of T Naseer, a life convict in several terror cases, en-route from the prison to court", NIA stated in an official release on Friday.

Naseer was an undertrial prisoner in the 2008 Bengaluru serial blast case at the time. Among the three chargesheeted on Thursday, "Fathima had provided logistics and funds to Naseer inside Bengaluru Central Prison, Parappana Agrahara. She was also involved in handling of hand grenades and walkie-talkies on her son's directives, and had facilitated communication between the various accused," agency said.

NIA investigation further revealed her role in harbouring a key accused, Salman Khan, and helping him abscond to Dubai by arranging his travel documents. Salman was subsequently extradited to India from the Republic of Rwanda.

"ASI Pasha received illegal gratification from Salman for sharing information about the escort details of Naseer with whom he had connections while he was on prisoners' escort duty. Dr Nagaraj, who was then on deputation at Central Prisons Hospital, was involved in illegally smuggling mobile phones into the prison and selling them to the inmates for cash. One of these phones had reached Naseer, who used it to communicate with his co-accused to conspire to promote the terror plot," added the central anti terrorism agency.

TRASH BLAZE

A large pile of garbage burns near Urvashi Theatre in Sudhama Nagar, Bengaluru, on Friday, raising concerns over waste management and public safety | EXPRESS

Intruder scales ministers' secured quarters wall, attempts to loot flat

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

A shocking security lapse came to light on December 30, when a burglar entered a designated high-security zone housing top political and judicial figures, and attempted to loot an apartment.

CCTV camera footage showed that around 7.30pm, the intruder clambered over a high compound wall behind the Seven Ministers' Quarters, an enclave where six cabinet ministers and a High Court judge reside under 24/7 police watch. From there, the burglar slipped into the adjoining Green Hall Residency and broke into a third-floor apartment, where a woman occupant raised an alarm and the intruder was caught.

What triggered serious concern is the point of entry: The ministers' quarters side, considered one of the most closely guarded stretches in the area. Despite continuous police deployment, the burglar managed to breach the zone and escape.

The National Gallery of Modern Art, home to priceless artworks and rare paintings, is located just a few metres from the scene of crime. The daring burglary has sparked questions about surveillance, perimeter security and response in one of the city's most sensitive areas. Police have launched investigation, examining CCTV footage and security protocols, to understand how such a breach was possible in a high-security ministerial enclave.

Dr Dilip Javali, a known urologist and president of Green Hall Residency Apartment Owners' Association, said, "The residents are shaken by this brazen intrusion. The administration must take this issue seriously and install 360-degree night-vision CCTV cameras covering the entire premises."

A resident sought intensive night patrolling to which Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh responded on Twitter, "Have informed the concerned for necessary action."

CRIME PATROL

Two held for obscene messages to Darshan's wife

Bengaluru: A software engineer from Davanagere and an autorickshaw driver from Chikkabanavara have been arrested for sending vulgar messages to actor Darshan's wife Vijayalakshmi and her family. She filed a complaint in this regard at the cyber crime police station on December 24. The accused are Chandrashekar B, an autorickshaw driver, and B Nithin, the software engineer. The accused had posted derogatory messages against Vijayalakshmi on social media platforms. Vijayalakshmi, a resident of Hosakerehalli, Bengaluru, had filed a complaint at the cyber crime police station seeking legal action against more than 18 people, according to a police officer. ENS

5 injured as bus rams Devanahalli toll plaza

Bengaluru: A 28-year-old driver, along with four passengers of a sleeper coach bus sustained injuries after the bus rammed into the toll booth near Sadarahalli toll gate in Devanahalli on NH 44. The incident happened around 5 am when the bus was going towards Mysuru from Hyderabad via Bengaluru. The driver told that he could not see the toll plaza as there were no blinkers or proper lighting facilities. The bus went forward after the crash and again started reversing on its own and halted after hitting the booth for the second time. The Devanahalli traffic police used a crane to shift the bus. The injured are K Irfan, 28, the bus driver from Vijinapura; Y Pradeep, 25, of Mysuru; S Akanksha, 23 and P Poleboina Narasihma Rao, 50, both from Telangana, and Y Harshitha, 25, of Hassan. A few youths who were near the toll allegedly stole a few mobiles. The Devanahalli traffic police have registered a case. ENS

1 killed and 2 injured after SUV hits them

Bengaluru: A 51-year-old woman died while two other pedestrians sustained injuries after they were hit by a speeding SUV on the Dodda Kattappa Road in Halasuru traffic police limits on Thursday around 5 pm. The SUV driver had escaped after abandoning the vehicle at the accident spot. The deceased is Rosy, a resident of Kadirayanapalya in Indiranagar. The injured are Mithun, 10, a relative of Rosy and Shailaja, 62. The SUV that came from the opposite side hit all three. Rosy died en route to the hospital, while the other two are undergoing treatment. ENS

Pub staff throws flower pot at customer, booked

PRAVEEN KUMAR @Bengaluru

A 28-year-old private firm employee fractured his hand after he was pushed into an indoor pond, and a marble flower pot was thrown on him inside Club Aura, an open air pub at Gantiganahalli in Yelahanka New Town.

The victim, L Karthik, filed a complaint against the pub owner and staff. The complainant's friend, a businessman by profession was also attacked. The complainant had gone to the pub with his friends for the New Year celebrations. The incident happened between 12.15 am and 12.30 am on Thursday.

Karthik's friend, 26-year-old Nithin, has also been attacked. "We were dancing and suddenly both of us were attacked. We were in shock after they started hitting us. My friend Karthik was pushed inside the pond and they also attempted to drown him. A big pot aiming his head was thrown. Luckily, the pot landed on his hand. We were pushed out of the pub. Later we found out that somebody had misbehaved with the pub's female staff. The accused attacked us assuming that we misbehaved," Nithin told *TNIE*.

Yelahanka New Town police registered a case. "We directly went to the police station in the night. After treatment, we filed the complaint. Police took us to the pub for investigation," he added. "Arrests have also been made. The arrested were released on station bail," said an officer.

Government of Karnataka

Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Davangere.

Zillapanchyath Building, 2nd Floor, Opp. Dooradarshan Kendra, Lokikere Road, Davangere.

e-mail: eerwsdvg@gmail.com Phone No: 08192-262126

No: RWS&SD:Dn/DVG/AE-2/1475: Date: 01-01.2026

POSTPONEMENT OF TENDER (Through e-procurement only)

The tender called vide this Office Notification No:1479 /2025-26 Dated: 23/12/2025 for S.l.no-4 Work the calendar of events has been Post poned due to Technical reason

(1) Last date& Time for applying tenders: 13/01/2026 at 5.00PM (2) Date & Time for Opening of Technical bid: 15/01/2026 at 5.15PM (3) Date & Time for Opening of Financial bid: 17/01/2026 at 11.00AM

All other terms and condition remains unaltered.

For further information the bidder can view on the kppp Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ Contact No: 08192-262126

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Sd/- Executive Engineer RWS Division, Davanagere

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PREMISES REQUIRED

Sealed offers are invited under **TWO-BID SYSTEM** from the owners of commercial space on **Main Road** preferably on **Ground Floor** having independent access, good frontage, parking and willing to construct strong room as per RBI specification and ready for occupation with required power load for shifting of the existing branches at the following locations:

LOCATION	Name of the Dist.	Population Group	Approx Carpet Area In Sq.ft.
NERALUR	BENGALURU	RURAL	1500 - 1700
DOMMASANDRA - SARJAPURA ROAD	BENGALURU	SEMI-URBAN	1700 - 1900
BAGALUR	BENGALURU	SEMI-URBAN	1700 - 1900

The details are published in the Bank's Website: **http://www.canarabank.bank.in** The necessary application forms may be obtained from the above mentioned Office OR downloaded from the Bank's Website under **Announcement → Tenders.** Last date for submission of offers is **17.01.2026 up to 3.00 P.M** at our office.

Further, communications, corrigendum, amendments, if any, will be hosted in Bank's website only. "BROKERS EXCUSE"

Place : Bengaluru Sd/-

Date : 03.01.2026 Assistant General Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client **Smt. Rachana Shantharaj,** W/o **Sri Raghu Pavan Thai Satya,** has lost the **original Sale Deed dated 18-08-2006,** registered as **Document No. YAN-1-11798-2006-07,** Book-I, stored in C.D. No. YAND220, in the office of the **Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru,** pertaining to the property bearing **Site No.148, Khatha No.518/148,** situated in the layout known as **"Rashi Orchards",** carved out of **Sy. Nos. 32 & 34,** located at **Navarathna Agrahara Village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk.** In this regard, my client has lodged a complaint before the **Bengaluru City Police,** vide **e-Lost Report No. 1988647/2026 dated 02/01/2026.** Any person/s who may have found the said document or who have any claim, right, title, interest, or objection whatsoever in respect of the above-mentioned property are hereby called upon to contact the undersigned **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, it shall be presumed that there are no claims or objections from any quarter.

V.N. SIMHA, Advocate
No.38/15, WAT Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004. PH: 9845549487
Date: 03-01-2026

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Advt. No.SACON/RES/RCTMT-ADVT-08/2025

The Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (WII-SACON), wishes to engage **Project Associate-I (01)** (Indian National only) on temporary basis. For further information, please refer **www.sacon.in/careers.**

Research Coordinator

VARASHAKTI Housing Finance Pvt Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SHIFTING PREMISES

Nelmangala Branch which is hither to functioning at No. 726/82, Chinnappa Lavout, Arishinakunte Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District 562123, will be merged with our existing Tumkur Branch in the following address from 05-04.2026.

TUMKUR BRANCH ADDRESS

First floor Hall, West Portion, 1st floor, Shri krishna complex, Madhugiri Main Road, Antharasanahalli, Tumkur, Karnataka 572106

Place: Nelamangala Senior Branch Manager
Date : 03-01-2026 9036700678, Tumkur Branch

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/Mortgagors i.e. **1) M/s. Krishna Enterprises (Housing & Infrastructures) India Private Limited i.e 2) Mr. R. Anil Kumar S/o Mr. Kuttapu Nambiyath Ravi, 3) Mr. R. Sunil Kumar S/o Sri Kuttapu Nambiyath Ravi, 4) M/s. Krishna Enterprises (Housing & Infrastructures) India Private Limited – (POA holder of Mr. C. Jayanna, Mr. Munegowda, Mr. Narayanappa, Mr. Nanjappa & Mr. M. Rajagopal)** that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Axis Bank Limited i.e. Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken on March 15, 2024 through court order Crl.Mis.No.6074/2020. and handed over to Authorised Officer of Axis Bank Limited, i.e., Secured Creditor, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", AND "WHATEVER THERE IS" and "NO RECOURSE BASIS for recovery of **Rs 9,50,37,208.50/- (Rupees Nine Crores Fifty Lacs Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Eight and Paisa Fifty Only) as on 25.11.2025** along with further interest thereon from 26.11.2025, at the contractual rate of interest till the date of payment, incidental expenses, other charges, costs etc (minus further payments, if any). due to Axis Bank Limited from the above-mentioned borrower and guarantors.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Details of lot	Property in the name of M/s Krishna Enterprises Housing and Infra India Pvt Ltd
Lot No.1 Property 1	**Simple mortgage of Property located at Flat No. G- 012A, Ground Floor, Block E, Krishna Greens, Khata No. 286/109/A/28, Sy. No. 109/1A & 109/1B, Krishna Temple Road, Kodigehally Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore - 560 097.** All that piece and parcel of Flat / Apartment bearing No.F008, BBMP new Municipal Sub No. 286/109/A/28-F-008, on the First Floor of 'B' Block in the Apartment known as "KRISHNA GREENS", situated at Kodigehalli Village, Bangalore, having super built up area of 1741 Sq. ft., along with undivided share in land measuring 942 Sq. ft., and garden area 159 Sq. ft., in Schedule – B property and common right over the passages, lobbies, lift, open space, staircases, corridors etc. in the apartment, the building is constructed with Bricks and Cement with RCC roofing, Mosaic tiles flooring, jungle wood doors and steel frame windows with electricity, water and sanitary facility.
Lot No.2 Property 2	**Simple mortgage of Property located F008, First Floor, Block B, Krishna Greens, Khata No. 286/109/A/28, Sy.No. 109/1A & 109/1B, Krishna Temple Road, Kodigehally Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore - 560 097.** All that piece and parcel of property bearing Flat No.12A, BBMO No.286/109/A/12-G-012A, on the Ground Floor, of 'E' Block in the Apartment known as "KRISHNA GREENS", situated at Kodigehalli Village, Bangalore, having super built up area of 1306 Sq.ft., along with undivided share in land measuring 707 Sq.ft., and garden area 159 Sq.ft., in Schedule – B property and common right over the passages, lobbies, lift, open space, staircases, corridors etc. in the apartment, the building is constructed with Bricks and Cement with RCC roofing, Mosaic tiles flooring, jungle wood doors and steel frame windows with electricity, water and sanitary facility.

Possession of the above-mentioned property is taken on 15.03.2024 under Crl.Mis.No.6074/2020 passed by CMM Court at Bengaluru and handed over the Possession to the Authorised Office of Axis Bank Limited.

Date and time of E-Auction	20.01.2026 Between 11.00 A.M to 11.15 A.M for Property 1 Between 11.15 A.M to 12.00 Noon for Property 2 (with maximum of 3 attempts of five minutes each till sale is completed)
Reserve Price	Rs.72,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy-Two Lakhs only) – Lot-1-Property 1 Rs.54,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs only) – Lot-2-Property 2
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.7,20,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Twenty Thousand only) – Property 1 Rs.5,40,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Forty Thousand only) – Property 2
Last date for submission of bid and EMD Remittance	Demand Draft/Pay Order in the favour of 'Axis Bank Ltd.' payable at Chennai to be submitted **on or before 19th January 2026 by 5:00 p.m.** at either of the following address: **Mr Moorthy K, +91 9710006661** Axis Bank Ltd., 1st Floor, Axis House, No 3, Club House Road, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002.
Inspection of Property	For inspection, please contact **Mr Moorthy K (Authorised officer)** on the following number +91 9710006661. Inspection shall be done with prior approval of authorised officer on a working day.
Bid Increment Amount	Rs.1,00,000/- for Property- 1 (Auction ID: 351049) Rs.1,00,000/- for Property- 2 (Auction ID: 351051)

Encumbrances known to the Secured Creditor: NIL

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.axisbank.com/auction-notices** and/or https://axisbank.auctiontiger.net. (Property- 1 -Auction ID: 351049), Property- 2 - Auction ID: 351051).

Date : 03/01/2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : BANGALORE Axis Bank Ltd.

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e-Bidding Tender Notice

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) is inviting bids for Procurement of 2500 MW Round-The Clock(RTC) Renewable Energy Power through a Competitive Bidding(followed by E-Reverse auction) Tariff based bidding process on e-Bidding portal (website htttps://www.bharat-electronictender.com). The Schedule of bid process is as follows:-

Particulars	Date	Time
Availability of bid document on portal	03.01.2026	11.00 Hrs
Pre-bid meeting	16.01.2026	11.00 Hrs
Last date for submission of Technical & Financial bids	30.01.2026	15.00 Hrs

For more details of Notice for Invitation of Tender (NIT), please visit to htttps://www.bharat-electronictender.com or www.mahadiscom.in

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MSEDCL, Prakashgad, Mumbai.
Tel: 022-69852200

HO PR NO 249/25 dt.30.12.25

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Haveri District, Karnataka Pin Code - 581128

Applications are invited from interested and eligible candidates for the posts of Research Assistant and Field Investigator in the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) funded project under the Special Call for "Punyashloka Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Special Call for Women-Led Research on Women-Led Development" titled "Scholarships and Student Retention: A Study of Girl Student Dropouts in Government First Grade Women's Colleges of Karnataka". The terms of Appointment of these positions are as follows:

Sl. No.	Research Position	No. of Vacancies	Salary (in Rs.)	Period of Appointment	Required Qualifications	Desirable Qualifications
1.	Research Assistant	2 (two)	37,000/ Month	5 Months, extendable by 8 months based on the satisfactory performance of the candidate and the requirements of the project. (Preference will be given to Candidates who are residents of Haveri, Davangere and surrounding areas).	Postgraduate in any Social Science discipline (55% minimum) with NET/KSET/M.Phil./Ph.D.)	1.Field Work aptitude and experience 2.Effective Communication Skills in English and Kannada. 3.Proficiency in Microsoft Office tools 4.Data Analysis Skills
2.	Field Investigator	3 (three)	20,000/ Month	3 Months (Preference will be given to candidates residing in Mysore, Shimoga, Bangalore and Haveri Districts).	Postgraduate in any Social Science discipline with minimum 55% marks	1.Field Work aptitude and experience 2.Proficiency in Kannada and English languages. 3.Must be willing to travel for fieldwork. 4.Strong command over Microsoft Office applications.

Interested candidates must submit the following documents via email to **icssrpunyashlokha@gmail.com**

Subject line of the email: Application for the post of Research Assistant / Field Investigator for ICSSR Project.

The following documents must be submitted as a single PDF file:
1) Updated CV (mentioning educational background, technical skills, and research experience, if any)
2) Cover Letter
3) Self-attested copies of marksheets, degree certificates and NET/KSET certificate.

Last date for emailing the application is 15th January 2026. Applications received after the due date will not be considered.

Dr. Sarah Razack
Project Director and Coordinator

Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers in Bengaluru district have announced a protest on Saturday, demanding immediate release of pending salaries for the past four to five months, and implementation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's assurance of a minimum monthly honorarium of Rs 10,000

1st offender under Hate Speech Bill is Cong MLA Bharat Reddy, says BYV

Says Reddy behind Ballari clash, Siddaramaiah government should arrest him immediately

BJP state chief BY Vijayendra and BJP MLA B Sriramulu leave after visiting MLA G Janardhana Reddy's house in Ballari on Friday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru/Ballari

BJP state president BY Vijayendra on Friday demanded that the ruling Congress arrest its MLA Bharat Reddy in connection with the violence in Ballari on Thursday. Addressing reporters after visiting party MLA G Janardhana Reddy in Ballari, Vijayendra said the first offender under the Hate Speech Bill is Congress' own Bharat Reddy.

Drawing the attention of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Home Minister G Parameshwara to Bharat Reddy's provocative speech in Ballari, he sought to know if it was not a hate speech. "What else is it if it is not a provocative speech?"

Bharat Reddy had threatened that he will "raze Janardhana Reddy's house to the ground and finish him off," Vijayendra said.

If the Congress government has any respect for law and order, it should first arrest its MLA. Such goondaism can't be tolerated and stern action should be taken against those involved in the clash. BJP strongly condemns this audacious attempt to disturb peace in Ballari, Vijayendra said.

He said BJP leaders Sriramulu, Anand Singh and Somashekhara Reddy installed a statue of Maharishi Valmiki at a circle in Ballari 25 years ago as a mark of respect to the saint poet. Now, for political gains, Congress workers indulged in rowdyism by illegally putting up banners and posters around the circle. They attacked BJP workers and opened fire in the air to threaten them, he alleged.

Vijayendra condemned the act of using private gunmen to open fire at Janardhana Reddy's house in Ballari. He urged Dr Parameshwara to take immediate action against such elements before the situation gets out of control in the state.

Responding to a question, Vijayendra claimed that a Congress worker lost his life due to bullet injuries he suffered after the gunmen opened fire.

Vijayendra blamed Bharat Reddy alone for the clash in front of Janardhana Reddy's house. Stones were thrown at BJP workers and one Satish Reddy allegedly directed the gunmen to open fire. BJP condemns this rowdyism, he said.

The Congress MLA is under the illusion that he can scare Janardhana Reddy, Sriramulu, Anand Singh, Somashekhara Reddy and other BJP leaders. "Our party workers will not lose courage because of this incident," Vijayendra said.

Earlier, Vijayendra met the injured BJP workers, who are being treated in a private hospital in Ballari. Sriramulu, Anand Singh and other BJP leaders accompanied Vijayendra.

Goonda Raj, says BJP, seeks arrest of Cong MLA

Bengaluru: BJP leaders R Ashoka and Cheluvadi Narayanswamy have demanded immediate police protection for former ministers and MLAs G Janardhana Reddy and B Sriramulu, citing "life-threatening dangers" and called for a judicial inquiry into the Ballari clash. At a press conference on Friday, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Ashoka accused Congress workers of illegally entering the homes of Reddy's supporters, and demanded their arrest under the Goonda Act. He blamed Congress MLA Nara Bharath Reddy for the death of Congress worker Rajashekar and demanded his immediate arrest. LoP in Council Narayanaswamy echoed these sentiments, calling the New Year's first day a "sacrifice of a human life" and a sign of "goonda raj". He demanded that the Congress MLA and his supporters be booked, not Reddy and Sriramulu. **ENS**

CM: Police will investigate the Ballari firing

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday directed the police to conduct a thorough investigation into the violent group clash near Gangavathi MLA and mining baron G Janardhana Reddy's residence in Ballari that led to the fatal shooting of a Congress worker.

Speaking to the media at Vidhana Soudha, the CM said the probe will also look into ownership of the firearm used and circumstances leading to the firing. "It is possible that Satish Reddy, a close aide of Congress MLA Nara Bharath Reddy, fired in the air, and the bullet accidentally struck Rajashekar (victim)," he said.

The clash erupted on January 1 evening amid preparations for the unveiling of a Valmiki statue on January 3. Supporters of Congress Ballari City MLA Nara Bharath Reddy attempted to erect banners near Janardhana Reddy's Havambavi home, which his supporters opposed, leading to arguments, stone throwing and gunfire.

The police registered cases against Janardhana Reddy (accused no. 1), and 10 others, including his brother Somashekar Reddy and former minister B Sriramulu, based on complaints from Congress. Reddy countered with claims of a "conspiracy to assassinate" him.

Cong to send team to assess situation

KPCC president DK Shivakumar is sending a team led by HM Revanna, chairman of the guarantee programme, MP Kumar Nayak and other senior leaders to Ballari and assess the situation.

BEE IN CONG'S BONNET

CM says EC survey cannot nullify 'vote chori' claims

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CONGRESS leaders have strongly contested the survey's validity and its application to broader debates on electoral transparency.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah issued a statement criticising the "selective use" of the survey to undermine Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi's concerns about 'Vote Chori' that were raised in August last year, months after the survey's completion.

Siddaramaiah emphasised that the survey was an administrative evaluation of voter education, not a certification of electoral processes. He highlighted the timing of the survey, noting that it predated the emergence of evidence supporting Gandhi's allegations, rendering the survey unsuitable for dismissing the allegations.

He also pointed to the sample size, representing less than 0.01% of Karnataka's over 53 million adult voters, saying this is insufficient for broad conclusions, with some constituencies like Bengaluru Central having only double-digit respondents.

Siddaramaiah further referenced a Karnataka Police Special Investigation Team (SIT) chargesheet in Aland constituency, a 22,000-page document naming seven accused individuals, including a former BJP MLA, for attempting to delete 5,994 genuine voters using OTP bypass technology. He noted that this investigation, initiated by the Congress-led state government despite their victory in the seat, led to systemic changes by the ECI.

Former AICC general secretary B K Hariprasad and MLC Ramesh Babu echoed these criticisms in a joint release, arguing that the survey's questions emphasised perceptions over verifiable issues like EVM malfunctions or demands for 100% Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) counting. They described the timing of the survey's release as part of a "defensive narrative-building exercise" amid court petitions and national debates.

IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge asserted that the survey was commissioned by the ECI through the chief electoral officer and conducted by an individual with ties to the PMO.

Blow to Cong's 'reckless' campaign, says BJP

Bengaluru: BJP leaders could not contain their happiness as the findings of the survey were made public, saying that this is an endorsement of the people's confidence in the electoral process and in EVMs. They said the survey is welcome especially when the Congress has made allegations about 'vote chori' and irregularities in the electoral processes. State BJP president BY Vijayendra said, "The survey is a direct blow to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi who made up the vote chori narrative only to cover up the failures of the Congress in the polls." He said the numbers show that a clear majority believes in fairness of the elections and the survey exposes the Congress' reckless campaign against the election commission. Opposition leader R Ashoka said it is a validation and proof of the people's trust in elections and the democratic process and is in contrast to Gandhi's statement that democracy is in danger. **ENS**

Study was carried out in 34 election districts

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THE study was carried out across 34 election districts of five revenue divisions -- Belagavi, Bengaluru, Kalaburagi and Mysuru -- covering 102 Assembly constituencies, including 5,100 household surveys, 23 in-depth interviews, 57 focus group discussions (FGD) and 16 case studies, Chief Electoral Officer Anbu Kumar said. The sample represented diverse categories of voters, including first-timers, youth, women, marginalised communities and persons with disabilities (PwDs), along with officers at different levels engaged in the execution of the electoral process, it pointed out. It targeted 50 voters per constituency.

The study found that voter turnout increased from 68.81% in 2019 to 71.98% in 2024. There is a high level of EPIC possession (99.02%), strong voter turnout among respondents (95.75%) and widespread recognition of the importance of each vote (above 81%) alongside challenges, including urban voter apathy, limited awareness of digital platforms, and accessibility barriers faced by PwDs and marginalised groups.

Other limitations

The use of Election Commission's voter list for sampling excluded unregistered but eligible voters, such as youth, migrants, and marginalised groups, affecting the inclusiveness of the study. A fixed sample size of 50 respondents per constituency does not reflect population size variations and may reduce the representativeness of data in large or demographically diverse areas, it stated. In Kalaburagi, majority trust EVMs, in Bengaluru 9.28% agree strongly In the home turf of AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and his son RDPR and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge, who is Chittapur MLA, 94.48% of respondents trusted EVMs.

In contrast, the Bengaluru division reported the lowest strong agreement at 9.28%, though 63.67% still agreed. Neutral opinions were highest in the Bengaluru division at 15.67%.

Across all divisions, the majority trust that EVMs provide accurate results, with 69.39% agreeing and 14.22% strongly agreeing overall. In Kalaburagi division, 83.24% agreed and 11.24% strongly agreed, followed by Mysuru division with 70.67% and 17.92% and Belagavi 63.90% and 21.43%.

In all, 91.31% of respondents agree that elections are being conducted freely and fairly, which includes 6.76% neutral. The belief was strongest in Kalaburagi division, where 84.67% agreed and 10.19% strongly agreed, followed by Belagavi division with 69.62% and 19.24% and Mysuru 72.08% and 15.08%. Bengaluru division reported the lowest strong agreement at 7.17%, while a substantial 67.11% still agreed. Neutral opinions were more common in the Bengaluru division at 12.50%, compared to lower proportions in other divisions. Disagreement was the highest in Bengaluru division as well, with 9.67% disagreeing and 3.56% strongly disagreeing, while it remained very low in Kalaburagi division.

SURVEY FINDINGS

Respondents: 5,100, 30% SC/ST, 20% OBC and minority, and 50% general, 20% first-time voters, 45% below 35 years, and 35% above 35 years, 50% men and 50% women.

Growing influence of money: **44.90%** agree and **4.65%** strongly agree

Mysuru: 59.25% and **3.00%**

Bengaluru: 51.33% agreeing and **5.11%**

Kalaburagi: 37.52% and **6.48%**

Belagavi: 24.86% and **3.90%**, while 41.14% disagreed. Neutral opinions were relatively high in Belagavi (**25.24%**).

Disagreement was also prominent in Belagavi (**41.14%**) and Kalaburagi divisions at **34.67%**, whereas it was lower in Bengaluru and Mysuru divisions.

INFLUENCE OF MUSCLE POWER

Overall, **40.84%**, **3.08%** strongly agree and **37.76%** agree. **45.12%** (**36.98%** disagree and **8.14%** strongly disagree) disagree.

Mysuru: 57.17% agree,Bengaluru: **46.89%** agree

Belagavi: 15.61% agree and **68.57%** disagree.

Kalaburagi: 37.05% and **56.28%**. Neutral views in Bengaluru (**21.39%**) and Kalaburagi (**6.67%**).

2 gunmen in police custody

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THE Congress worker, Rajashekar (35), who died in the shooting, was hit by a bullet fired from one of the five guns seized, the police said. The weapons have now been sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), Ballari for examination. Two gunmen have also been taken into custody.

The clash erupted between supporters of Ballari City MLA Nara Bharath Reddy and followers of Gangavathi MLA and former minister Gali Janardhan Reddy near Valmiki Circle over putting up a banner. Over 20 people sustained injuries. Both camps alleged political vendetta behind the incident. The police have clamped prohibitory orders under Section 144.

SP SUSPENDED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF TAKING CHARGE

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

Ballari SP Pavan Nejjur took charge on Thursday

THE state government on Friday suspended Ballari Superintendent of Police Pavan Nejjuru on charges of dereliction of duty in the wake of the clash while a banner was being put up near the Maharshi Valmiki statue in Ballari city. The sudden action has triggered widespread discussion within police circles across the state. The SP, who took charge on December 31, was suspended within 24 hours. Earlier, he was serving as Lokayukta SP in Bengaluru.

The suspension followed a report submitted by the Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG & IGP). The government, in its order, stated that the SP had failed to effectively control the situation during the unrest, did not provide accurate ground-level information to senior officers, and neglected to take timely measures to maintain public order. The action has been taken under the All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969.

According to the suspension order, Nejjuru has been relieved of duties with immediate effect. He has been directed not to leave the headquarters until the completion of the inquiry. He will be entitled to subsistence allowance as per rules during the suspension period. The move was approved by the DG & IGP based on the recommendation of the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Ballari Range.

CABINET MEETING

PREMJI FOUNDATION TO SET UP ₹1,000-CR HOSPITAL FOR ORGAN TRANSPLANT

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IN a major push to organ transplantation, the Karnataka Cabinet approved signing an MoU with Azim Premji Foundation to allot 10 acres of land on lease for 99 years on the premises of Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases, to set up a 1,000-bed super-specialty hospital in five years, at an estimated cost of Rs 1,000 crore.

Briefing the press after the cabinet meeting, Medical Education Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil informed that the Foundation will set up a 300-bed hospital in three years, and expand it to 1,000 beds to facilitate all types of organ transplant, including liver, kidney, heart, intestine and others. The hospital coming up near Nimhans will help in harvesting organs from brain-dead donors.

"It will be implemented under public philanthropic partnership as the entire investment, except for the land, will be borne by the Foundation which will spend Rs 350 crore annually to run the hospital. The Foundation has okayed the government's proposal. The new facility will not only be a great contribution to Karnataka but for the entire nation," said Patil.

In Karnataka alone, over 5,000 patients are in queue for kidney transplant, and over 1,000 for liver transplant, he informed. About 70 per cent of beds will be free of cost for economically weaker sections, especially BPL families, and 30 per cent for others, who will however benefit from the Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka (ABArK) scheme, he elaborated.

The medical education minister, department secretary and finance secretary will be on the hospital board, which will be named after the Foundation, he said. The Institute of Gastroenterology Sciences & Organ Transplant (IGOT Hospital) will continue functioning and be taken over by the Foundation hospital in future, he said.

Basavanna Biodiversity Park

The Cabinet approved setting up of the Vishwaguru Basavanna Bruhat Biodiversity Park on 153.39 acres in Madappanahalli reserve forest in Yelahanka, at a cost of Rs 250 crore in three years, and will implement the first phase of work at a cost of Rs 50.29 crore by utilising CSR funds. It will be a huge lung space after Lal Bagh and Cubbon Park, to be developed near Shivaram Karanth Layout in North Bengaluru. It will have medicinal plants, bird sanctuary, children's play zone etc, Forests Minister Eshwar Khandre said.

OTHER DECISIONS

To recruit Chaitanya Bilagi, daughter of IAS officer Mahantesh Bilagi, who died in a mishap, under compassionate grounds

Develop Karnataka GST analytics portal at Rs 19cr, in association with IIT Hyderabad

Approval to The Karnataka Jnana Bhandar Manuscripts and Digitalisation Bill, 2026, to preserve all types of manuscripts collected from the public

Upgrade DIETs in six districts as DIET for Excellence at Rs 36.90cr

Bring in new Community Corporate Social Responsibility policy by framing guidelines for effective usage of funds

No VB-G RAM G, state plans own scheme

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The state cabinet on Friday condemned the Centre's move to repeal MNREGA and replace it with VB-G RAM G Bill, alleging that it curtailed the powers of gram panchayats and centralised the employment guarantee scheme.

The state government has also chalked out a plan to reject the the new Bill by carving out its own employment guarantee scheme by retaining the name of Mahatma Gandhi, it is said. During 2004, the state had a similar plan proposed to then UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi, which she ensured it transformed into MNREGA to apply for the entire country, sources said.

Siddaramaiah is likely to make an announcement on this on Saturday, the sources said. It is still not clear whether the state will let go of 60% of funds from the Centre, which was 90% earlier under MGNREGA.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil told the media that the Centre has uprooted the very concept of Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act. "Under MNREGA, a range of works such as building cattle sheds, school compound walls and playgrounds was implemented through panchayats. The Centre's VB-G RAM G ploy is to centralise the decision, as panchayats have no powers. This is to benefit big contractors," he alleged.

The cabinet approved a revised estimate of Rs 16,876 crore against the Bengaluru Satellite Transport Project (BSTP) phase II and phase IV and to bear Rs 3,600 crore cost against land acquisition. To implement the project which was in progress to lay four-lane tracks, the railway ministry will give Rs 357 crore and the state will bear 50 per cent of the cost for the rolling stocks for which Rs 2,135 crore is required.

It also approved a compensation to land owners against 948 acres, 14.5 guntas as per the 1894 land acquisition act for the Bengaluru Business Corridor (BBC) -- erstwhile Peripheral Ring Road as per the Oct.17, 2025 government order. The cabinet also approved to construct 100 buildings of veterinary institutions at Rs 50 crore with NABARD grants.

Three people were killed on the spot and three others were injured after a goods vehicle overturned after a front tyre burst near Chikkarahalli village in Hassan on Thursday. The deceased are Shabbir (40), Thimmabovi (50), and Sanjay (30), all residents of Kanagondanahalli village in Chikkamagaluru. The injured are undergoing treatment at the taluk hospital in Arasikere

Passengers flag advance tipping despite ban

Commuters report difficulty getting rides at base fare without adding a tip, say practice amounts to exploitation

INDRA S @ Bengaluru

EVEN after an amendment to the Motor Vehicles Aggregator Guidelines, 2025, issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on December 15, stating that voluntary tipping be shown only after trip completion and not before or during the trip, ride-hailing apps continue to display advance tipping options, raising concerns over passenger exploitation.

The amendment states, "The app may provide a feature for passengers to give a voluntary tip to the driver, however, such a feature shall only be visible after completion of the journey, and should not be available at the time of booking, before commencement of the journey or during the journey."

Speaking to *TNIE*, passengers voiced growing frustration over what they describe as exploitation through the "advance tipping" feature on ride-hailing apps.

Prithvi Daniel, a regular app-based auto commuter, said the pressure to pay extra begins almost instantly after booking. "I am already being charged more than what the trip should actually cost, but within seconds of trying to book a ride, the app prompts me to add an additional amount or offer more to the driver," he said. "What is more frustrating is that when I don't get a ride at the base fare, the moment I add a tip, I'm instantly assigned one."

Daniel, who travels frequently from Kalkere to Queen's Road, said the fare is usually shown at Rs 250 to Rs 270 in the afternoon. "Even before accepting the ride, the app asks me to add Rs 20, Rs 30 or more. There have been several occasions when I have waited for 10 to 15 minutes without a response. The moment I added a Rs 40 tip, the ride was accepted within seconds," he said.

According to him, the pattern is consistent. "Day after day, it seems the algorithm is designed to make sure bookings don't go through without added tips," he said, calling the experience "lawless and arbitrary".

Another commuter, Radha, echoed similar concerns, particularly during peak hours. "Every morning, booking a cab or auto has become a gamble," she said. "If I don't add a tip, I can wait 25-30 minutes without getting a ride. The moment I add a tip – especially a higher one – the chances of getting a ride improve. I understand peak-hour demand, but this feels like I'm starting my day by gambling with both my time and money," she added.

CET TO BE HELD ON APRIL 23, 24

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THE Common Entrance Test 2026 will be held on April 23 and 24, announced Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar here on Friday.

"The registration for CET will begin on January 17. While Physics and Chemistry tests will be held on April 23, Maths and Biology will be on April 24. The Kannada language exam for students from districts in Gadinadu (bordering districts) will be held on April 22 for 50 marks," he said after releasing a manual for CET 2026 and inaugurating the newly built Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) building. Medical Education minister Sharan Prakash Patil, KEA Executive Director H Prasanna and others were present. "The state has 3,112 recognised Science PU colleges, including government colleges, A total 2,92,733 students are studying in second PUC. If we add 83,000 students from CBSE and ICSE streams, the total number of students will be 3,75,507. The CET manual, which explains the courses and allocation of seats, will be distributed to all students, teachers and parents so that there is no confusion," he said.

MARK THE DATES

- The Karnataka Examination Authority will conduct other entrance exams for MBA, MCA, MTech, ME
- **March 1:** KRIES admissions to class 6 residential schools
- **May 14:** PG CET for MBA, MCA
- **May 23:** PG CET for ME, MTech
- **May 23:** Diploma CET- Lateral entry to engineering courses
- **July 18:** MSc Nursing, MPT, MSc-Allied Health Sciences
- **October 11:** KSET
- **November 21:** MPharma, DPharma

For the first time, KEA will verify a candidate's name, date of birth and address through Aadhaar or Digi Locker. This is to avoid mistakes in writing the names of students.

Help Desks

For the convenience of students, help desks will be set up in government, aided engineering colleges and government polytechnic colleges during the entry of options for various courses. KEA will include practical type questions in CET this year.

Reel helps missing 60-year-old MP man reunite with family in Ch'nagar

KARTHIK K K @ Mysuru

IN a heartwarming example of how social media can change lives, a 60-year-old man who had gone missing from home and was living as a destitute for weeks in Chamarajanagar district, was finally reunited with his loved ones, thanks to a reel and social media post.

Pritam Singh (60), a native of Dhanwasi village in Amarpur taluk of Dindori district, Madhya Pradesh, had come to Karnataka with his family in search of daily-wage work. During their stay, he was accidentally separated from his family. With no knowledge of the local language, no phone number of his relatives, and no clear idea how to return home, Singh was completely stranded.

Speaking only Hindi, Pritam Singh wandered around Yelandur bus stand area, spending his days roaming aimlessly and sleeping by the roadside. For his family back in Madhya Pradesh, he was presumed missing, with no clue about his whereabouts. Noticing the elderly man's condition, Yelandur police stepped in, and on November 11, shifted him to the Jnana Sindhu Old Age Home at Santemaralli.

Though he was safe and cared for, Singh remained distressed, repeatedly speaking in Hindi about his village and family. However, due to language barriers and uncertainty about the exact details he provided, identifying his native place initially proved difficult.

Determined to reunite him with his family, old age home superintendent M Mahadevaswamy and social worker HB Prakash explored every possible option. A breakthrough came with Mahesh, a regular visitor to the old age home as part of a health awareness programme. Realising the potential of social media, Mahesh recorded a short video of Pritam Singh and uploaded it as an Instagram reel, appealing for help. The video was shared in Instagram groups linked to Dindori district in Madhya Pradesh.

The reel quickly reached the right people, and family members recognised Singh from the video and contacted authorities. Acting on information received through Instagram, Singh's son, Rajesh Singh Dhurvi, travelled from Madhya Pradesh to Santemaralli on December 30. Following due legal procedures, Yelandur police formally handed over Singh to his son. The reunion marked the end of weeks of uncertainty and hardship for both Singh and his family. Mahadevaswamy told *TNIE* that police had brought Pritam Singh to the home after finding him near Yelandur bus stand. Mahesh uploaded his video on Instagram, which helped trace his family. His son later came here and took him home, he said.

ROAD SAFETY

A roadside tree being cleared by civic workers on Seppings Road in Bengaluru on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

CEC inspects BNP to assess impact of reducing ESZ

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MEMBERS of the Supreme Court-appointed Central Empowered Committee (CEC) visited Bannerghatta National Park (BNP) on Friday to assess the ecological impact of reduction of its eco-sensitive zone (ESZ), amid mounting concerns over mining and real-estate pressure on Bengaluru's vital green buffer. The visit follows a citizens' petition challenging the Karnataka government's 2020 decision to shrink the ESZ around BNP from 268.9sqkm to 168.8sqkm, and reduce its width from 4km to just 1km. The petitioners argue that the move undermines the very purpose of an ESZ, which is meant to shield protected areas from unregulated development.

CEC member Chandra Prakash Goyal inspected parts of the park and held discussions with senior state officials, to evaluate the ecological consequences of the reduction. Activists point out that the Union environment ministry's 2016 draft notification had proposed the larger ESZ in consultation with the state, but the final notification issued in March 2020 excluded several ecologically sensitive areas, including elephant corridors.

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APENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
E-AUCTION ON 28.01.2026
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property (excluding movables, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrowers/Mortgagor in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bangalore, the Actual physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever There is" basis on **28.01.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 4,98,17,613/-** (Rupees Four Crore Ninety Eight Lakh Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Thirteen Only) as on 29.12.2025 and further interest from 30.12.2025 at contractual rate with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc, due to the Secured Creditor State Bank of India from the Borrowers : **(1) Sri. Shanagonda Bharath Vikas** S/o Sri. Shanagonda Venkatesham and **(2) Smt. Padmavathi Shanagonda W/o. Sri. Shanagonda Venkatesham (HL 38763567072)**

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable property to be sold will be as under :

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Date &Time of e-Auction of property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs. 2,56,00,000/-	Rs. 25,60,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-	28.01.2026, 11:00 A.M to 4.00 P.M	On or before 27.01.2026 up to 4.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :

Tender No: SBI/SARB/2025-26/160 **Property ID: SBIN400034241201**

Schedule A Property : ITEM NO. I : All that piece and parcel of Southern portion of residentially converted land bearing Sy. No.184 (converted vide official memorandum dated 21.02.2014 bearing No. A.L.N(SU)SR(K)85/13-14 issued by the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. measuring 1 Acre including all rights and appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above the surface and **bounded as under : East by :** Remaining portion of Sy.No. 184 measuring 18 guntas, **West by :** Land of Sri. Santhosh, **North by :** Land bearing Sy No.184 owned by the builder M/s. Axis Concept Constructions Pvt. Ltd., **South by :** Halla.

ITEM NO. II : All that piece and parcel of portion residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.184 (converted vide official memorandum dated 21.02.2014 bearing No. A.L.N(SU)SR(K)85/13-14 issued by the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring 1 Acre with including all rights and appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and **bounded as under : East by :** Remaining portion of same land in Sy.No.184 measuring 18 guntas, **West by :** Land of Sri. Santhosh, **North by :** Land bearing Sy No.182, **South by :** Land bearing Sy No.184 owned by M/s. Liferay Technology Pvt. Ltd.,
Together with right use to 30 feet approach road from O.B. Choodahalli Road to the said properties.

COMPOSITE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of portions of residentially converted land bearing Sy.No. 184 (converted vide official memorandum dated 21.02.2014 bearing No. A.L.N(SU)SR(K)85/13-14 issued by the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring 2 Acres, including all rights and appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and **bounded as under : East by :** Remaining portion of Sy.No. 184 measuring 18 guntas and Road, **West by :** Land of Sri. Santhosh, **North by :** Land bearing Sy. No.182, **South by :** Halla.

Schedule B Property : An extent of 94.22% (on SBA) of undivided right, title and interest in land comprised in the Schedule A Property equivalent to 2,968 Sq. ft.

Schedule C Property : All that piece and parcel of type 4 BHK Unit No. 02 in the SWATAH Block of the residentially project called "AXIS TATVAM" on the schedule A property i.e., portions of residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.184 (converted vide official memorandum dated 21.02.2014 bearing No.A.L.N(SU)SR(K)85/13-14 issued by the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore with details and other attributes given hereunder :

Super built-up area	3150 Sq. ft. including proportionate share of common area with the floors, ceiling and walls between villa jointly belonging to such villa owners equally.
Accommodation	Consisting of Hall-cum-dining, 04 Bedrooms, 05 toilets, kitchen lavatory inclusive of proportionate area of common facilities like staircases, corridors etc,.
Car parking	02 covered car parking space bearing No. S-02 in the basement floor
Roof	RCC
Floor	Vitrifies flooring & Wood laminated finish in MBR
Walls	Solid Concrete Blocks
Doors & Windows	Honne wood & steel windows
Amenities provided	Water, electricity and sanitary connections

The Unit is bounded as follows : East by : 5 Mtr. Drive Way, **West by :** Pathway and Vedantha Unit No. 02, **North by :** Swatah Unit No. 01, **South by :** Swatah Unit No. 03.

15 Days Sale Notice Under "Sarfaesi" Act, 2002. : The Borrowers/Mortgagors is hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided by the secured creditor represented by the **Authorised Officer, State bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru ie., http://www.baanknet.com**

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer as mentioned above or Bank's Approved **Resolution Agent M/s. Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore Representative: Sri. Jagadeesh N, Cell No. 9902401486.**

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties.

Date: 29.12.2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru.

KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
TERRITORIAL SUB DIVISIOIN KALABURAGI
Email Id Address: acfkalaburgit@gmail.com

IFT No.: ACFT/KLB/Building/E-Tender/CR- /2025-26 Dated: 31.12.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE
(THROUGH KPPP SECOND EDITION PORTAL) IS INVITED.

This is to inform the public that tenders are invited Construction of Residential Quarters (Group housing -4 Nos) at Kalaburagi during-2025-26 on the portal (website link http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) in the second version of the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal from 31/12/2025 to 16/01/2026 till 04:00 PM. Technical bids will be opened on 17/01/2026 after 04:30 PM. Financial bids of successful tenders in the technical bid will be opened on 19/01/2026 after 11:30 PM.

For more details: You can call or visit the office during office hours on weekday. Phone: 08472-256601

DIPR/Kalaburagi/915/KSMC&A/2025-26

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests
Territorial Sub Division Kalaburagi.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. KPTCL/B36/1506/2019-20 Dated:31.12.2025

NOTIFICATION

1. Petition filed under Section 62 & 64 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Sharing of Inter State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020, for claiming of Yearly Transmission Charges for 1 No. of 110 KV SC Line for FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29 and 6 Nos. of 220 KV lines for FY 2024-25 to 2028-29, owned by KPTCL identified as carrying Inter-State Power by Southern Regional Power Committee, Bengaluru.
2. The beneficiaries of the Transmission System are: **(a)** Kerala State Electricity Board Limited (KSEB Ltd) **(b)** Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation Limited (TANTRANSCO) **(c)** Electricity Department, Government of Goa **(d)** Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (TGTRANSCO) and **(e)** Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APTRANSCO). **(f)** Maharashtra State Electricitiy Transmission Company Limited (MSETCL)
3. **Tariff details:**

Transmission Tariff for 2025-2029 Block

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Asset	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Asset-1: 110 KV S/C Line from Konaje-Manjeshwar (Karnataka-Kerala)	17.87	18.78	19.75	20.78	21.84
Asset-2: 220 KV S/C Line from Yerandanahalli-Hosur (Karnataka Tamil Nadu)	24.53	25.79	27.14	28.57	30.05
Asset-3: 220 KV S/C Line from Ambewadi-Ponda (Karnataka-Goa)	52.77	54.44	56.22	58.14	60.12
Asset-4: 220 KV S/C Line from Ambewadi-Xyldom (Karnataka-Goa)	52.77	54.44	56.22	58.14	60.12
Asset-5: 220 KV S/C Line from Sedam-Tandur (Karnataka-Telangana)	35.03	36.24	37.54	38.91	40.25
Asset-6: 220 KV S/C Line from Kadakola-Kaniyampet (Karnataka-Kerala)	178.26	173.81	169.52	165.44	161.42
Asset-7: a. 220 KV S/C Line from Alipura-Raghalapadu (Karnataka-Andhra Pradesh)	24.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. 220 KV Line Somasamudra to Rghalapadu (from 19.11.2024)	177.42	300.95	291.70	282.56	273.50
Total	**563.55**	**664.46**	**658.08**	**652.54**	**647.41**

4. A Copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the Website of the Application at **www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in**
5. The Suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposal for the determination of the tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiaries before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd & 4th Floor, Chanderlok Building, Janpath, New Delhi-110 001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the Applicant at the address of its Corporate Office at Kaveri Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 009 **within 30 Days** of publication.

For Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
Sd/-
Managing Director,
KPTCL, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-560 009

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 03.01.2026

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its **Administrative Office** at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001** and one of the Branch Offices at **Nos. 61, 62, H.Siddiah Road, Urvasi Theatre Road, Sudham Nagar, J C Road, Bengaluru - 560002, Bengaluru-J C Road Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated **13-10-2025** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) M/s. Pramukh Fabriques, 3rd Floor, Nos.5-6, Sharma Complex, Chickpet Road, Bengaluru - 560053. No.2) Mr. Kneil Gemanee, S/o. Mr. Roopchand Gemanee, No.8, 2nd Floor, Shanmukha Enclave, Krishna Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru South - 560004. No.3) Mr. Lalit Gemanee, S/o. Mr. Roopchand Panechand Rathod, No.8, 2nd Floor, Shanmukha Enclave, Krishna Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru South - 560004. Also at, Mr. Lalit Gemanee, S/o. Mr. Roopchand Panechand Rathod, No.36/1, 2nd Floor, Sajjan Rao Road, VV Puram, Near Asaktha Poshaka Sabha, Bangalore - 560004. No.4) Mr. Gajendra Singh, S/o. Ramanand Singh, No.5, Prem Kutir, No.75, 18th Cross, 15th Main, Near to Janna Vijana Vidhya Peetha, Padmanabha Nagar, Bengaluru South, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru- 560070** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.62,65,964/-(Rupees Sixty Two Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Four only)** within **60 days** from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **06-10-2025** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 31st day of December 2025.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.64,49,234/- (Rupees Sixty Four Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Four only)** and interest thereon from **17-12-2025** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A
Property - 1 : (Properties Owned by Mr. Gajendra Singh, S/o. Ramanand Singh)

Schedule - A : All that piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Corporation New No.5, Old Nos. Part of 58 and 59, 70 and 71 Situated at the 18th Cross Revenue Layout, Padmanabhanagara (South) Chikkallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk in BBMP Ward No.55, Measuring : East to West, Northern Side - 60 ft., Southern Side - 60 ft., North to South Eastern Side - 55 ft., Western Side - 55 ft., and Bounded on : East by - Site No. 72, West by - Site No. 69, North by - Part of Site Nos.58 and 59, South by - Road. Schedule - B : 320 Sq. ft. of the Undivided Share in the Schedule A Property and Flat No. TF-A, in 3rd Floor, in Schedule A Property known as Prem Kutir measuring 1,150 Sq.ft. of Super Built-up Area.

Place : Bengaluru, Date : 31-12-2025 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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Fear has spread among farmers after a black panther was reportedly sighted in the Madwal Kond area of Hajgoli, along the Tundye-Turkewadi road near Belagavi. When one Vinayak Birje was travelling by car from Tundye to Chandgad, a black panther suddenly appeared in front of his vehicle, forcing him to stop. When he honked, it jumped off the road and fled into the nearby forest

Expert panel to review safari ban

Closure after tiger attacks in Bandipur, Nagarahole led to job losses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

HOPE flickers for Karnataka's wildlife tourism with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday ordering an expert committee to review the two-month safari ban in Bandipur and Nagarahole, the state's wildlife tourism hotspots that remain closed after deadly tiger attacks.

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre had flagged that safaris were disturbing animals and pushing them into villages, but with peak season bookings evaporating and hundreds of guides, drivers and resort staff jobless, pressure mounted for a rethink. The panel will weigh safe resumption of eco-tourism, and restoring livelihoods without risking lives or habitats.

At the State Wildlife Board meeting held at Vidhana Soudha on Thursday, the CM ordered the constitution of a technical committee of experts to review the ongoing ban on jungle safaris, signalling a possible policy tweak to balance wildlife conservation with local livelihoods.

It may be recalled that the Forest department had suspended safaris in November 2025 in Bandipur and Nagarahole reserves, following complaints that safari activities were disturbing animals, triggering human-wildlife conflict and forcing wildlife out of forest habitats. The ban followed a series of fatal tiger attacks, prompting heightened conservation concerns. However, the minister said pressure was mounting to lift the restrictions, as the suspension has rendered hundreds of locals jobless, severely affecting forest-dependent economies during peak tourism season.

After deliberations, the CM directed officials to form an expert panel to reassess the decision and suggest measures for safely resuming eco-tourism without compromising wildlife protection. The move reflects the government's attempt to address dual challenges: rising human-animal conflict and economic distress of communities dependent on forest tourism. Experts said while the review was welcome, there is a need for strict guidelines to prevent habitat disturbance.

EXPRESS READ

App launched to monitor transformers

BENGALURU: In a move aimed at improving power reliability and reducing outages, the BESCOM has launched a mobile application, the Distribution Transformer Life Cycle Management System to digitally monitor the preventive maintenance of distribution transformers across its jurisdiction. It will be used to track the efficiency and maintenance of more than five lakh distribution transformers spread across the eight districts served by BESCOM.

Bhadra dam panel clears water release

SHIVAMOGGA : The 88th Bhadra Reservoir Consultative Committee has unanimously decided to release water into the Bhadra Left Bank Canal from January 3 and into the Right Bank Canal from January 8, continuously for 120 days. The decision was taken at a meeting of the committee convened under the chairmanship of the committee president and District-in-Charge Minister Madhu S Bangarappa.

EDUCATION

TOWARDS EDUCATION AS SOCIAL LEVELLER

IN any ideal democratic context, education is the foundational social leveller enabling all citizens to overcome their disadvantages. But, over the years, Karnataka's education system has decelerated, losing even its minimal structures of inclusiveness and has become an exclusive system that denies equality of quality education and life opportunities for all.

The school education system, which in pockets had excellent government schools, has largely collapsed with the state permitting the growth of a large variety of private schools. The government school is no longer that key public institution that enabled a village's children to shed their caste and class backgrounds and helped meld children together as citizens with shared values and friendship. A range of schools claiming to be 'convents', 'public schools' and even 'international schools' now fragment any village's options to send their children to differentiated schools. At the higher education level also, the state has permitted the withering of public universities and the flourishing of private universities, including international ones.

A R VASAVI
Social anthropologist

The proliferation of state universities, promoted on populist terms, currently serve no purpose other than to create a vote bank that caters to only a few but which distorts the very idea of higher education. Subsequently, what we are witness to are dual trends; poor quality 'mass higher education' which assures no real education and in contrast a growing pool of private and corporate education with exclusiveness and inequality built into it.

Given such trends and structures, the state has an obligation to stem such educational differences and to promote a system that assures equality of education opportunity for all.

Building on the premises of the Right to Education, the state must ensure that every hamlet and village has access to a government elementary school within one kilometer. Such schools should have the best of standards based on the dual-language formula and which builds on enabling children

to learn in their mother tongue. Cluster high schools can cater to a range of villages which are within three kilometers. For children from remote hamlets and schools, the current residential schools can continue to cater to their interests. To enable all rural children to have access to both vocational and professional education, taluka level community colleges should provide high standard education with a focus on enabling youth to identify their skills and aptitudes and support them in their growth. Instead of the 'mass' character of education that imitates outdated education modules, pedagogies and texts, new composite and experiential learning should prepare youth to deal with their immediate worlds and the larger worlds. Community colleges that are state-supported should enable youth to prepare for both employment and for citizenship responsibilities. Syllabi and curricula that enable youth to be recognized for their interests and abilities and which also support them in their career paths will be the panacea to many of the harrowing experiences, including the growing trends of suicide among youth.

Revamping state universities with professional personnel including appointing reputed vice-chancellors and providing sufficient funds and effective administrative processes are urgent measures that are needed to make these into attractive centres of learning. Instead of promoting and facilitating the growth of private universities, the state has an onus to develop a lead state university that can become a beacon for many who cannot afford the hefty fees of private universities. If Karnataka is to build on its reputation as a state that enables the welfare of the most marginalized, then a serious revamping of the current education system is required.

Instead of upholding the privatization of education, the state must see education as a priority sector which requires careful planning, sensitive programs, effective monitoring and administrative systems, and adequate budgets.

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (05173), # 11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trustwell Hospitals, J C Road, Bangalore-560002. Ph: 080-2594 3678, 2594 3663, Fax: 080 2594 3664, Email Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER/S

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT ')

A notice is hereby given that the following of **M/s. Sri Balaji Hardware Proprietor : Sri. B. Murali S/o. Sri. B. Voosaiah,** have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them and guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name and Address of the Borrower : M/s. Sri Balaji Hardware, Proprietor : Sri. B. Murali S/o. Sri. B. Voosaiah, No.1, Sri Govind Reddy Complex, Opp. ACES Layout, Kundalahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560037. **And also at : (i)** No. 51 & 52, 4th Cross, Near Shymala Reddy Dental College, Opp. Marthon Church, Mahadevapura, Munnekolala Village, Marthahalli, Bangalore-560037. **(ii)** No. 1, 2nd Cross, Ayyappa Layout, Behind KMF, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037.

1) Account No's. : CC-62008848383

Demand Notice: 18.12.2025 **NPA Date : 30.01.2017**

Amount outstanding : Rs. 1,68,23,611/- (Rupees One crore sixty eight lakhs twenty three thousand six hundred and eleven only) as on 14.12.2025 and you are also liable to pay future interest from 15.12.2025 at contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing portion of Site Nos.51 and 52, out of Property No.114/4, Mahadevapura City Municipal Count Katha No.114/4-51-52, situated at Munnekolala Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring Eastern Side 37 Feet, Western Side 39 Feet, Northern Side 19 Feet and Southern Side 23½ Feet in all totally measuring 807½ Sq.Ft., with building held in the name of "Sri.B.Murali S/o Sri.B.Voosaiah" and **bounded on : East by :** Remaining portion of same property belongs to Vendor, **West by :** Remaining portion of same property belongs to P.V.Joseph, **North by :** 20 Feet Wide Road, **South by :** Private Property.

Absolute Sale Deed is registered on 17.05.2006 in favour of **"Sri. B. Murali S/o. Sri. B. Voosaiah"** in the office of SRO Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore in Book No.1 under Document No. BAS-1-04000/2006-07 and Stored in C.D.No BASD242 dated 17.05.2006.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrowers/Guarantors/mortgagors are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

The borrowers/guarantors/ mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 18.12.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India**
Place : Bengaluru **SARB Branch, Bengaluru.**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ
(ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ)

ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08473 253288 E-mail: ka.yadgiri.dudc@gmail.com
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ಕಡತ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ/ಜಿನಕೋ/ಯೋಜನೆ/ನ.ಹಂ–4/ /2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:02.01.2026

~:ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ:~
(ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯುರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾನೂನು–1999 ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳು–2000 ರಂತೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಿಯಿಸಿದ (ರೆಜಿಸ್ಟ್ರೇಷನ್) ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿದಾರರಿಂದ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ kppp.karnataka.gov.inರ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

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1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: DMA/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT52920 ವಿವರ: Construction Of City Municipal Council Office And Vegitable Market In Shorapur Tq Shorapur & Dist Yadgir Under Chief Ministers Amrut Nagarothana Municipality Phase-04 Scheme ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ): 291.64 ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ): 4,37,000/–

ಷರತ್ತು: ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

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ಪಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ಯಾದಗಿರಿ/449/ಕೆ.ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಪಿ.&ಎ/2025–26 ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ ಯಾದಗಿರಿ

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE
Directorate of Horticulture, Biocentre, Hulimavu, Bengaluru -76, Phone No.: 080-26582775.
E-mail: ddhbiotech3@gmail.com.

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited to install solar roof top for electricity purpose for the Biocentre, Hulimavu, Department of Horticulture. Tender documents may be obtained from the website http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in under Tender **No.:KSHD/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT39.** Bid submission period: **31.12.2025 to 15.01.2026 at 5.30 PM,** Pre-bid meeting: Date: **07.01.2026 at 11-30 AM** in the office.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/4783/MAA/2025-26 **Deputy Director of Horticulture (Tissue culture)**

HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly owned Govt. of Karnataka undertaking)
Office of the Superintending Engineer (Ele), Sector No. 63, Navanagar, Bagalkote - 587103. Office No: 08354-235654
Cell: +91-9449877676 E-mail. ID: seebgkt.hescom@gmail.com
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) : U31401KA2002SGC030437

No:BGKT/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-2/AE-2/2025-26/13644-13650 Dated: 01-01-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement mode only)

The Superintending Engineer (Ele), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Bagalkote invited Work Tender for Dismantling of Existing Idle 33KV Guledgudda Line from 110/33/11KV Bagalkot MUSS to 33/11KV Old MUSS Guledgudda in 33KV S&L Sub Division, Bagalkote of 33KV S&L Division, Bagalkote. Last Date for Receipt of Bid Document is **17-01-2026 before 16.00 Hours** through e-Procurement mode only.

The detailed bidding documents can be downloaded through e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Note: Any changes, additions, or amendments will be communicated only in e-procurement. They will not be published in any newspaper.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Bagalkote.
DIPR/Dharwad/1061/Adverto/2025-26

IDBI BANK
CIN : L65190MH2004GOI148838
Mission Road Branch: Retail Recovery, 2nd Floor, IDBI House, #58, Mission Road, Bangalore-560027. Ph: 080-61451233/234/241/246/250/280
Email: recovery.bangalore@idbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Under Rule 8(1)]

Whereas, The Undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **IDBI Bank Limited** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower/ Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantors and the public in general, that the undersigned has **taken possession of the property** described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of Said Act read with rules 8 & 9 of the said rules on mentioned dates.
The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the IDBI Bank for an below mentioned amount and interest thereon.

Loan A/c No.: HL A/c No: 0202675100101301, HL A/c No: 0202675100101356
1. Name & Address of the Borrower & Guarantor: Shri. R Sundara Raju & Smt. R Prasanna Jyothi
Demand Notice Date: 26.08.2025 **Possession Notice Date:30.12.2025**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.14,41,996.00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Fourty One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Only) as on 09-07-2025 + Applicable interest and charges thereon less deposits made further.
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: SCHEDULED "A": All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing converted Sy.No.180/2, {converted vide Conversion Order bearing No.BDS.ALN: SR(E) :153/2004-05, dated 21/10/2004, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District} situated at Hoodi Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring 40,000 sq ft and bounded on the East by : Road and Property belongs to Smt.Syamala Vaka; West by : Private Property; North by : Remaining property retained by owner Sri. Rambabu Vaka; South by : Remaining property retained by owner Sri. Rambabu Vaka.
SCHEDULE "B" : 457 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above.
SCHEDULE "C" : Flat bearing No.414, in Third Floor, measuring about 1794 Sq.feet super built up area, containing Three bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Semi-Vitrified flooring, alongwith One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "SWARNA SILICON CASTLE (Minos)" constructed over Schedule "A"property.

Loan A/c No.: HL A/c No: 0024675100038438, HL A/c No: 0024675100038544
2. Name & Address of the Borrower & Guarantor: Shri Amruth Shiroor
Demand Notice Date: 18.09.2025 **Possession Notice Date:30.12.2025**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.1,03,23,682.50 (Rupees One Crore Three Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two and Paise Fifty Only) as on 10-07-2025 + Applicable interest and charges thereon less deposits made further.
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All the piece and parcel of independent Vacant Residential Site bearing No. 119, measuring East to West 30" ft, North to South 40' ft, totally measuring 1200 sq. ft., of project ROYAL RESIDENCY in BBMP Katha No. 57E/130V22y3A-119 formed out of Converted Land bearing Sy. No. 22/3A, measuring 09 Guntas, bearing conversion order no. ALN (S) SR (K) 25 / 2009-2010, dated 30.01.2010, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at Choodenapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, which is bounded on the East by : Road, West by : Site No 120, North by : Site No 118, South by : Road together with all and singular the structures and erections thereon, both present and future.

Loan A/c No.: HL A/c No: 0243675100066866, HL A/c No: 0243675100066875
3. Name & Address of the Borrower & Guarantor: Shri. Balachandra C, And Smt. K Pravallika
Demand Notice Date: 28.08.2025 **Possession Notice Date:30.12.2025**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.1,03,23,682.50 (Rupees One Crore Three Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two and Paise Fifty Only) as on 09-07-2025 + Applicable interest and charges thereon less deposits made further.
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing Site No.15, portion of property No.25, BBMP Katha/PID No.126, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, (formerly South Taluk), Bengaluru- 560 049, now comes under the limits of BBMP Basavanapura ward No.53, Measuring East Page I 6 to West: 40 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, in totally measuring 1600 Sq. Feet, comprising of existing building bounded on the East by Site No.16; West by Site No.14; North by Private Property and South by : Road. together with all and singular the structures and erections thereon, both present and future.

Date : 03.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **IDBI Bank Limited**

KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
Branch Office : No.86/2, Hosapete Road, BALLARI - 583102.
Mobile : 9480323368, 7892924199. Email : blry.ksfc@karnataka.gov.in

SALE OF ASSETS THROUGH E-AUCTION

Notice is here by given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein have been taken possession under the provisions of **securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest (2nd Act 2002) (SERFAESI and exercise of power conferred under Sec.13(4) read with rule No.9,** of security interest (enforcement) rules 2002 will be sold through e-Auction on **'AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION BASIS'.** Interested persons for purchase of the following assets may participate in the bid through e-Auction.

C.Hariprasad Reddy

Imran Basha

Md. Bakhar

Virupakshi Gouda

C. Geetha

1) Borrower : **Sri.C.Hariprasad Reddy** S/o.C.Lakshmi Reddy, No.196/18, Sonthalinganna Colony, Gandhinagara, Ballari.
2) Borrower : **M/s Rajeev Roadlines,** Partners: **Sri.Imram Basha** S/o Isaaq Sab, Kesari Singh Street, Millerpet, Ballari & **Sri C.Hariprasad Reddy.** Guarantor : **Smt.C.Geetha** , W/o C.Hariprasad Reddy, No.196/18, Sonthalinganna Colony, Gandhinagara, Ballari.
3) Borrower : **M/s Alaha Transport,** Partners : **Sri. Md.Bakhar,** S/o Md.Dawood Sab, Court Mohalla, Millerpet, Ballari & **Sri.Virupakshi Gouda** S/o Pampana Gouda, C/o Kariveerappa, Patel Nagar, Ballari Guarantor : **C.Hariprasad Reddy & Smt.C.Geetha**

Description of the Property : All that piece and parcel of property comprising open space and 06 houses bearing 1) TS.No.296/2D, Measuring 400 Sft. 2) T.S.No.296/2E1 measuring 3066 Sft. 3) 296/2E2, measuring 168 Sft. 4) 289/E1C, measuring 1602 Sft. 5) 289/E1B, measuring 900 Sft. 6) 296/2C, measuring 660 Sft. totally measuring 6796 Sqft. Bearing Old City Corporation Assessment Nos.37006A1/36883A1+37006A2/ 36883A2+37006A3/ 36886/A+119 and present Assessment Nos.36883, 36884, 36885, 36886, 36886/A+119 and present D.Nos.114, 115, 116, 117, 117A & 119 situated in Block No.10, Ward No.21, Brahmashastry Compound i.e., interior to Kappagal Road in Gandhi Nagara Ballari. Together with building already constructed and to be constructed thereon and all these properties are adjacent to each other having a common boundary

Reserve Price : Rs. 1,87,00,000/- **EMD : Rs. 18,70,000/-**

Inspection Date & Time : 13-1-2026 between 11-00 am to 1-00 pm

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SALE: 1) The e-auction will be through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp (2) Bid opening date & time **03.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M to 11.02.2026 4.00 PM** (3) Last date & time for payment of EMD & expression of interest to participate in **e-auction is 02.02.2026 4.00 PM** (on all working days with prior appointment) (4) The successful bidders have to bear dues/Taxes/Arrears etc. of the property (5) The above properties taken possession symbolically. Interested bidders can contact undersigned for more information. The full details of the above properties and other terms and conditions of sale through e-auction are detailed in the website viz **https:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp**

This is also a **30 days notice** required to be issued to the mortgagors / borrowers / personal guarantors under the provisions of SARFAESI Act 2002. They are hereby informed to pay the sum mentioned above along with up-to-date interest and other charges. If any **within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice** either to redeem the property by paying the entire amount of due or to find intended purchasers with ready amount for any value more than the reserve price fixed as above failing which the Corporation will sell the above said properties as per the provisions laid down in SARFAESI Act 2002.

Place : Ballari **Sd/-**
Date : 02-01-2026 **Authorised Officer**

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Superintending Engineer Zone-1, BCCC, 18th Floor, PU Building, Bangalore-560 001

No: SE/BCCC/Z-1/TEND/02/2025-26 Date: 02.01.2026

CORRIGENDUM-01

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

Tender Reference: Tender Notification No. SE/BCCC/ Z-1/TEND/02/2025-26, Dated: 04.12.2025
Name of Work: Collection of Parking Fees for Various roads in Bengaluru Central City Corporation, Zone-1
With reference to the above-mentioned tender, the Minimum Reserve Annual License Fee for the below-mentioned packages has been revised. Accordingly, the qualification criteria have also been revised in line with the revised Annual License Fee. The said modifications have been uploaded individually on the KPPP portal.

Sl. No.	Description
1.	Collection of Parking Fees for Cambridge Road, Wood Street and Castle Street in Shanthinagar Division. **Revised Minimum Reserve Annual License fee : Rs. 92,80,000.00**
2.	Collection of Parking Fees for Magrath, Church Street and Museum Road Shanthinagar Division. **Revised Minimum Reserve Annual License fee : Rs. 92,80,000.00**
3.	Collection of Parking Fees for Crescent Road, Brigade Road, Langford Road and Ejipura Road in Shanthinagar Division. **Revised Minimum Reserve Annual License fee : Rs. 81,20,000.00**
4.	Collection of Parking Fees for 80 feet Indiranagar in CV Raman Nagar Division. **Revised Minimum Reserve Annual License fee : Rs. 64,00,000.00**
5.	Collection of Parking Fees for 100 feet Indiranagar in CV Raman Nagar Division. **Revised Minimum Reserve Annual License fee : Rs. 1,11,10,000.00**

Further, the last date for submission of tenders has been extended up to **10.01.2026 till 16:00 hours.** The Technical Bids will be opened on **12.01.2026 at 16:30 hours.** All other terms and conditions of the tender remain unchanged.
General Instructions: (1) This Corrigendum shall form an integral part of the Tender Document. **(2)** Bidders are requested to take note of the above changes while submitting their bids. **(3)** Bids not complying with this Corrigendum are liable to be rejected.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer - Zone 1, BCCC

The Sri Lankan navy arrested 11 fishermen from Karaikal district on Thursday midnight alleging that they have crossed the International Maritime Boundary Line into Sri Lankan waters. Sources said that they ventured into the sea in a mechanised boat on December 29

Must prevent entry of communal politics and drugs into TN: Stalin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Tiruchy

WARNING that both substance abuse and divisive communal politics pose grave dangers to society, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Friday said that these twin forms of "intoxication" could derail the future of young people and undermine social harmony.

Referring to recent incidents of attacks by religious fundamentalists on Christmas-related things, Stalin warned against what he termed the "more dangerous intoxication of divisive religious politics." He accused certain Union ministers and leaders in positions of power of indulging in hate speech that fuels caste and religious polarisation, creating fear among minorities and marginalised communities.

TN Chief Minister MK Stalin, along with MDMK chief Vaiko, flags off the 'Equality March' for social harmony and drug awareness camp on Friday | MK ASHOK KUMAR

Cautioning that drug abuse and its indirect glorification in cinema and popular culture could devastate the future of young people, he said the fight against narcotics should become a collective social responsibility.

The Chief Minister was speaking at the launch of the "Equality March" led by MDMK founder Vaiko in Tiruchy, a city he described as a historic crucible of the Dravidian movement.

Stalin urged artists and filmmakers to act with social responsibility. Detailing the State's crackdown on narcotics, he said Tamil Nadu Police, in coordination with Central agencies and neighbouring states, had seized over one lakh narcotic tablets in the past few months from districts such as Tiruvallur, Vellore and Ranipet.

CM is diverting the issue. Instead of giving excuses, the CM should admit that he has failed to control the drug menace in Tamil Nadu

— Annamalai, former state BJP president

"Those involved in these cases have links across States like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Haryana, and even international networks involving nationals from Nigeria and Senegal," he said, underlining the scale of organised drug trafficking.

AS PER NEP 2020

Another missive to South to rectify minimum age norm for Class 1 kids

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Education has again shot off a letter to six states asking them to adhere to the minimum age criterion of six years for admission to Class 1 as mandated by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

On February 9, 2023, the ministry had directed all states and Union Territories that the date of admission to Class 1 must be set at six years.

According to officials, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Chhattisgarh are yet to adhere to the age criterion. "We have written to these states in the past as well, asking them to abide by this criterion. Chhattisgarh has informed us that they will adopt it shortly," said an official.

LINKED TO NEP

The age requirement is linked to NEP 2020's revamped 5+3+3+4 school structure, under which children aged 3-8 years fall within the foundational stage. This stage comprises three years of pre-school education followed by two years of primary schooling

The official added that these states continue to admit students in Class I even when they are five years old as had been done in the past. "Six years is what we consider as the right age for imparting school education," he said. Three years of pre-primary education before that is necessary. Fixing a common age criterion across the country is important in view of the high inter-state mobility by people, the official stressed.

"The transportability of the student becomes smooth when the same pattern and rules on education are followed across the country." Another official told this newspaper that the revised NCERT textbooks for Class 9th and 11th will be out in April 2026 (before the academic year begins). "The books for Class 10th and 12th will be ready by April 2027," he said.

Responding to a query on Tamil Nadu's refusal to open Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Schools, the official said, "Tamil Nadu has been asked to come for discussions."

'DILUTING THE RIGHTS'

Concern over VB-G RAM G Act replacing MGNREGA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

LABOUR organisations, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) workers and rights activists on Thursday raised concerns over the proposed Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G Act), 2025, stating that it could dilute the rights-based and demand-driven framework of the MGNREGA.

Even when the 2025 Act has proposed 125 days of employment per rural household, the NREGA workers, trade union representatives, legal experts and academics, described the proposed legislation as a "grave attack" on the 2005 Act that already guarantees up to 100 days of employment. They expressed fears about the proposed law which centralises control and weakens Gram Sabha in the process, undermining federal principles.

With the revised funding pattern States are required to contribute 40% of wage and material costs. The activists claimed that it will inevitably lead to delayed payments and fewer days of work, considering the existing fiscal constraints faced by states. Speakers alerted that restricting work to selected Panchayats, or capping employment through statewise allocations, would disproportionately affect women and landless workers.

The allowance of contractors through "convergence", the diversion of works towards large infrastructure projects under PM Gati Shakti, and the mandatory use of biometric and digital systems were flagged as risks for exclusion and corruption. The Panel highlighted that MGNREGA was a statutory guarantee with social audits as safeguards.

Not supposed to give uniforms to mentally ill patients as per Act: Doc

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"WE are guided by the Mental Healthcare Act 2017 in which patients are no longer treated as asylums and are not supposed to be given any uniform to identify them," Dr Arvind added.

He advised caretakers to keep an eye on the patients when they bring them to OPD for consultation and treatment. "Even our security guards watch the movements of patients within the premises. We make a lot of effort to trace them despite the campus being huge," he added.

Kidwai Director Dr Naveen T said, "Majority of the patients who come to Kidwai suffer from third or fourth stage of cancer, which means the disease would have spread to most parts of the body. We ensure that we admit, treat and provide psychosocial support so that they don't lose hope or go missing. To see that people don't go missing and access treatment, Karnataka has set up District Daycare Chemotherapy Centres in 16 districts."

Dr H Chandrashekar, Practising Psychiatrist at ESIC Medical College in Bengaluru, said, "Once patients go missing either from hospitals or homes, they suffer both mentally and physically. Men might be physically harmed by people around them and women might be sexually abused. In rare cases, caretakers leave them on hospital premises. There are many reasons why patients with mental illness go missing, including lack of awareness, lack of treatment facilities, stigma, family issues and poverty. Family members don't have closure in such cases." The Bengaluru police have been trained to be first responders, tasked with the responsibility of taking individuals at risk due to mental illness into protection and not custody.

A police officer said, "Whenever missing cases of patients with mental health illness and other health issues are reported, we make efforts to trace them through the field operations platform that provides us the real-time data via CCTV cameras. We also share their photos with NGOs that work for homeless people with mental illness. We keep tabs on incidents of unnatural death and try to match the missing person's identity.

At times, it takes just a day to trace a person, while in other cases a month or more. There have been instances of people being found even after a year and traced in other states."

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EXPRESS READ

HIDMA'S CLOSE AIDE LAYS DOWN ARMS

Hyderabad: A senior Maoist commander Barse Deva alias Barse Sukka reportedly surrendered before the Telangana police. Deva is a native of Puvarti village in Chhattisgarh and a close aide of Madvi Hidma. Sources said he is already in police custody. Along with Deva, nearly 15 Maoist cadres are also said to have surrendered. It may be recalled that Hidma was killed by Andhra Pradesh police in a forest area of Alluri Sitarama Raju district in November 2025. Hidma headed the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA) Battalion No 1, considered one of the most heavily armed strike units. Following Hidma's death, Deva reportedly took over the command. The unit comprised hundreds of Maoists armed with weapons such as AK-47s, INSAS rifles, SLRs and other light machine guns. Deva joined the Maoist movement in 1996, around the same time as Hidma, hailing from the same village. He was allegedly involved in manyt assaults on security forces. ENS

KERALA CONG TO RETAIN MOST SITTING MLAS

T'Puram: Despite pressure from sections of the Kerala Congress seeking greater representation for youth and women as candidates in the coming Assembly election, senior leaders have reportedly reached a consensus to renominate most of the incumbent MLAs. Congress insiders indicated that the leadership believes that retaining sitting legislators would ensure continuity and stability, while also rewarding their performance and loyalty. Excluding expelled Palakkad MLA Rahul Mamkootathil, Congress has now 21 MLAs. Of this, the candidature of three MLAs remain uncertain due to various reasons. ENS

BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION

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Bengaluru - 560 010

No: EE/R.D/TENDER/03/2025-26 Date: 30-12-2025

CORRIGENDUM-02

Subject : Corrigendum-02 for extension fo tender

Reference : Short term tender notification No: EE(RNR) KPPP/03/2025-26, Dated: 11-12-2025

With reference to above, the tender was invited by this division, due to technical reasons in KPP portal this Corrigendum-02 is prepared, the same are as follows.

Extended Calendar of Events : (1) Tender Documents may be downloaded Through KPP portal from **06-01-2026** upto **5:30**pm Onwards (2) Last date & Time for uploading tender documents on **12-01-2026** upto **5:00**pm (3) Pre-Bid Meeting on **08-01-2026** at **4:00**pm (4) Last Date for Receipt of queries on **08-01-2026** (5) Opening of Technical Document on **13-01-2026** at **5:30**pm

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rajajinagara Division,
Malleshwaram Zone, BWCC**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.**
Phone No: 08539 – 222318 email : eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No. PWD:DK:TR:KW-3&4:2025-26:3454 Date:02-01-2026.

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW-3&4 on **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal. Head of Account : 4059-80-051-0-60-132 CMIDP / 2025-26. **Two cover** Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on **Phone No. 08539 – 222318** and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** 14 Works **(Work Indent Nos: 30613, 30612, 30611, 30597, 30614, 30606, 30600, 30609, 30610, 30604, 30605, 30607, 30603 & 29802/Call-2) Sl.No. 06 to 14** - Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders **12-01-2026 Time 16.00,** Date and time for opening Tender **13-01-2026 Time 16.30,** Date and time for opening of financial bid **19-01-2026 Time 11.00. Sl.No. 01 to 05** - Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders **16-01-2026 Time 16.00** Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid **17-01-2026 Time 16.30.** Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid **22-01-2026 Time 11.00.** Minimum & Maximum Estimate Amount of **Rs. 100.00 Lakhs & Rs.500.00 Lakhs** respectively. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address, EMD, Date & Time for Pre-bid meeting, Tender Queries/Clarification & Other information as mentioned in KPPP Portal. Any changes either in tender date or any other condition tenderers can view in KPPP portal.

Sd/- EE PWD Division,Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/585/DeshpandePublicity/2025-26

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bengaluru -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notce Amount	Description of the Property
MR. LAKSHMINARAYANA VENKATESH Loan A/c No. 16061505280 16061506241 410600005319 Symbolic Possession taken on 01/01/2026	22/07/2025	Rs. 16,27,921.00	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the House Property bearing Site No.563, Block III, Rajajinagar Extension, measuring East to West: 25'.0" feet and North to South: 40'." feet , in all measuring 1000 Square feet (94.33 Square meter), situated at Rajaji Nagar III Bloc, Bangalore and bounded on the East by: Site No.62, West by : Site No.564, North by: Road, South by: Site No.552.
BHAGYA & SHRUTHI Loan A.c No. 410600005395 Symbolic Possession taken on 01/01/2026	10/06/2025	Rs. 22,58,392.21	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing survey no 55/1 and 1acre 20guntas residential site out this site no 9A/55/1east facing ward no 31 Khata no 220 Bangalore city Dasarhalli Bangalore North Taluk Laggere Village bounded on: EAST: Property belongs to Jayalakshmma, WEST: Property belongs to T N Karigowda, NORTH: Road, SOUTH: Private Property.
MR. ASHOK H Loan A/c No. 411600005875 411600007258 4001010000259 Symbolic Possession taken on 01/01/2026	10/03/2025	Rs. 6968137.00	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.17, E-khata No. 150300201900420041, Khata No.923/42/1/17, situated at Doddasanne Village, Anneswar Gram Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 50 Feet in all total 1500 Square feet, and bounded on East by: Property belongs to Krishnappa, West by : Property belongs to H Ashok, North by: Road, South by: Property belongs to Narasimhappa.
MR. PAVAN S KANKIPATI Loan A/c No. 410100010991 Symbolic Possession taken on 01/01/2026	10/06/2024	Rs. 2,22,71,988.00	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Municipal No.170, PID No.68-1-170, situated at 2nd Cross, 1st Block, Koramangala Extension, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South: 76.5 feet totally measuring 3821 Sq.Feet along with RCC roofed building consists of Ground Floor, First and Second Floor totally measuring 4939.32 Sq.feet and bounded as follows : East by: Site No.171, West by: Site No.169 North by: Road South by: Site No.166. B SCHEDULE : All the piece and parcel of entire residential Second Floor, totally measuring 2500Sq.ft., of super built up area (inclusive of 1699 sq.ft. of Carpet Area) inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with One Car Parking space in the basement floor, along with an undivided share of 1004 sq.ft having RCC roofing, Mosaic/Ceramic flooring, Jungle Wood Doors and Windows in Schedule 'A' Property

Place: Bangalore
Date: 03.01.2026

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

Estd:1916
THE BHAVASARA KSHATRIYACO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED
Head Office: "Sahakara Sadana", No.63/67, 24th Cross,
Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560 053, Phone: 080-22972781/82

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ISSUED UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-Operative Bank Limited Bangalore had taken possession of the house properties described hereunder mortgaged to the Bank by way of security for repayment of immovable Property Loan availed by the respective borrowers mentioned here below, Notice of Auction of the secured assets is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the public in general, under Rules 8 & 9 of Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Details of the borrower, property, reserve price, etc, are as below

Sl No.	Borrower/s Name Branch Name	Property Address	Reserve Price & Amount Due to Bank	Public Auction Date, Time & Place
	MALLESWARAM BRANCH			
1	Sri. Babu Kumar T E No.351, LIG, KHB Colony, Bandemutt, Kengeri Upanagara, Bangalore 560 060.	SCHEDULE A PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing No.231, in a layout plan approved by the BDA dated 27-3-1998 vide NOC No.2572/1997-98 formed by Sri Balaji House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., in various survey numbers of Vajarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, in survey No.63/2, 63/3, 63/4, 64,65/2, 65/5, 67, 68/1, 69/2, 69/3, 74, 75/1, 76, 78/1, 78/2, 78/3, 78/4, 78/6, 79/1, 81, 82, 84/1, 88 & 89/1, formerly named as Dwaraka Nagar, BBMP Ward No.198, with Katha No.231, New PID No. 198-W2065-64, 7th Main, called as Balaji HBCS Layout, Vajarahalli, Bangalore,Measuring East to West : 80 feet, North to South : 50 feet Bounded on the East by : Site No.238, West by : Road, North by : Site No.232, South by: Site No.230. SCHEDULE - B PROPERTY 500 square feet undivided right, title and interest in the land mentioned in the scheduled A property SCHEDULE - C PROPERTY (Description of the Flat under this deed) All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No.GF-1, 3BHK, front side, "Samruddhi Residency", situated on the ground floor, having a super built-up area of 1850 sq. ft., construction on the schedule – A Property, with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, together with one covered car parking space in the basement floor, along with right in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift, staircase in the Residential Apartment building constructed on the Schedule-A property Bounded on the East by : Flat No.GF-2, West by : Road, North by : Site No.232, South by: Site No.230.	Reserve Price ₹ 76,00,000.00 Amount Due as on 03.02.2026 is ₹ 52,92,112/-	03.02.2026 at 11.30am at your premises immovable property bearing No.231, Residential Apartment bearing No.GF-1, 3BHK, front side, "Samruddhi Residency", Balaji HBCS Layout, Vajarahalli, Bangalore.
2	Sri. Gopi N Smt. Padma No.22, 5th Cross, 5th Main, Near Madiwala Check Post, Jogi colony, Bengaluru-560 095.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property House No.22, Tavarekere Slum, Hosur Road, Jogi Colony, Ward No.152 (Old Ward No.66), Bengaluru, within the area of measuring: East to West : 13 feet, North to South: 27.50 feet. bounded on the: East by : Flat No.21, West by : Flat No.23, North by : Jayamma's House, and, South by : St. Johns's Road.	Reserve Price ₹ 24,94,000.00 Amount Due as on 06.02.2026 is ₹ 17,28,681/-	06,02.2026 at 11.30 am at your premises immovable property bearing House No.22, Tavarekere Slum, Hosur Road, Jogi Colony, Bengaluru.

Place of Auction: At the places mentioned in column no. 5
Date of Auction: As per details in column No.5 above and 'AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION'
Terms and Conditions:
1. To participate in the Auction, the intending bidders have to deposit a sum of Rs.25000-00 by way of DD as EMD favoring The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bengalore payable at Bangelore on the date of Auction before 10.30am.
2. The successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount immediately on the same day and the balance of 75% within 15 days in single installment by way of DD as stated above. If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payment or fails to adhere to the terms of sale in any manner, the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim on such forfeited amount.
3. All other liabilities charges and expenses like legal charges, stamp duty, registration fee/cost etc. shall be borne by the purchaser only.
4. On receipt of the entire bid amount and on confirmation of sale the undersinged shall issue a Certificate of Sale in favor of the purchaser in the form given in the aforesaid Act.
5. The deposit of the unsuccessful bidders would be returned without interest immediately on conclusion of the Auction.
6. The Undesigned shall have powers to include or exclude or accept or reject bids or postpone/ cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof including addition or deletion of other terms.
7. For inspection of the property and other particulars the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at Head Office during office hours between 10.00 AM and 5.00PM.
8. For further details contact The Assistant Manager of the Bank.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 30.12.2025

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,
Bengaluru

GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Visakhapatnam

Tender Notice No.05/2025-26/CE(GVMC)/SE(Projects)/EE(PD-1)/DB/GVMC/Dt: 30.12.2025

01. No.of Works : 01 (One)
02. Downloading Starting Date : 31-12-2025 05.00 PM.
03. Downloading End Date :22-01-2026 @ 3.00PM.
04. Last date for submission of bid :22-01-2026 @ 4.00 PM.

Further details at **http://www.apeprocurement.gov.in**
O/o. the Executive Engineer (PD-I) Division
Sd/- COMMISSIONER, GVMC, Visakhapatnam

MUNICIPAL BOARD KAPREN DIS. BUNDI(RAJ.)
npkapren@yahoo.in Phone : 07438-299072

S.No. NPK/NIT /2025/1822 Date 31.12.2025

NOTICE INVITING E-BID

Bid for Fence wall and other development works of Nandi Shala in Municipality Kapren area of Subject meter of Procurement are invited from interested bidders upto 28/1/2026 at 11.00 hours . Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the Rajasthan.
UBN No. DLB2526WSOB28968
Raj.Samwad/C/25/16962 Chairman Executive Officer

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Fast Stream Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Vinay Bansal & Pooja Bansal/ Represented By Directors Vinay Bansal & Pooja Bansal 6, 2nd Main Road Off Bannerghatta Road Arekere Bangalore-560076/ '100705000720 & 100705004291.	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of Converted Land Bearing Katha No.1398 (Old Sy.no.17/1 And 17/2, Arakere Village, Begur Hobi, Bangalore South Taluk), Issued By Bommanahalli City Municipal Council, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk 1. 0.412% Undivided Right And Interest In The Land Covered By The Schedule 'A' Property Mentioned Above, Which Undivided Right And Interest Works Out To 493.53 Square Feet (46.40 Square Meters). 2. Apartment No.J-301, Presently Jurisdiction of Bommanahalli Cmc New Property No.301/A, In The Third Floor of The Said Building Known As "Mantri Woodlands" Measuring Super Built Up Area of About 965 Square Feet (89.65 Square Meters) Including Proportionate Share of Common Area With The Floors, Ceiling And Walls Between Apartments Jointly Belongs To Such Apartment Owners Equally 3. One Car Parking Unit No.J-301 In The Basement. (Admeasuring An Area of Measuring Super Built Up Area of About 965 Square Feet (89.65 Square Meters) (Admeasuring An Area of Super Built Up Area of About 965 Square Feet (89.65 Square Meters) North: Property Bearing Sy.no.14 And 15 South: Property Bearing Sy.no.17/3 East: Property Bearing Sy.no.16/1 West: Property Bearing Sy.no.18. Date of Symbolic Possession 30th December 2025.	August 13, 2025 Rs. 33,83,541.38/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: January 03, 2026
Place: Bangalore
Sincerely Authorised Officer
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY,
(UNDER KPIDFE - IMA & OTHER SCAM)
3rd Floor, Podium Block, V.V Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001

NOTICE/INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Pursuant to attachment of Immovable properties by the Government under the provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (KPIDFE Act) and pursuant to the absolute attachment order by the Hon'ble Special Court, the Special Officer & Competent Authority is issuing notice for e-auction of the immovable property through e-auction on 'as is where is and whatever there is basis'.
The intending bidders will be required to furnish Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (as mentioned against each auction in the e-portal provided by the Service Provider/Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only).

Short description of the Immovable Property (SPLOCA/AUC(2)/CR/14/2025-26)

Properties are free of all encumbrances and are in the name of Competent Authority appointed by Government and confirmed by the Special Court under KPIDFE Act, 2004. and Hon'ble High Court Of Karnataka has cleared the title (Khata stands in the name of Competent Authority and Auctioning Authority)

Sl. No.	DETAILS OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY (Clear Title by Court in order No. MISC No. 716/2019)	Minimum Bid Price (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Bid Increase Value (Rs)
1.	No 01, PID No: 62-81-1,3rd Cross, Jayanagar, Chengaiah Compound, Krishnanagar, Ward No: 153(62), Hombegowda Nagara, Bengaluru. East to West 40 ft. North to South 24 ft Aggregating to 960 Sq.ft. Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/LAW5AnYQz1Q9mGLB8, Latitude and Longitude: 12°55'44.7"N 77°35'53.4"			
(a)	Ground Floor, Flat No.GF-01, UDS-102.58, SBA-402 sq.ft	28,87,050/-	2,88,705/-	28,900/-
(b)	First Floor, Flat No. FF-01, UDS-214.35, SBA-840	60,42,000/-	6,04,200/-	61,000/-
(c)	Second Floor, Flat No.SF-01, UDS-214.35, SBA-840 sq.ft	60,99,950/-	6,09,995/-	61,000/-
(d)	Third Floor, Flat No.TF-01, UDS-214.35, SBA-840 sq.ft	60,09,700/-	6,00,970/-	60,100/-
(e)	Fourth Floor, Flat No.FF-01, UDS-214.35, SBA-840 sq.ft	60,09,700/-	6,00,970/-	60,100/-

Date of Pre-bid meeting & time and Place	Date of Inspection & time	Last Date of Submission of Bids & EMD submission	Date & Time of E Auction
21st January 2026, 3 pm to 4 pm Place: O/o SPLOCA, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Tower, Bengaluru-01	02nd Febraury 2026 11:00am to 05:00pm	16th February 2026 Before 5pm	17th February 2026 11 am to 1 pm

For Registration & Online Auction, you can login to: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** (Helpdesk No: 080-46010000, 080-68948777) The interested bidders who require auction related information can contact Assistant Commissioner, Office of the Special Officer & Competent Authority, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Towers, Dr.Ambedkar Veedi, Bengaluru-560001, e-mail ID: **splocaeauction@gmail.com** or Contact Mob. No 9945515174.

Date: 01-01-2026
Place: Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/4801/NR/2025-26
Sd/-
Special Officer & Competent Authority
(Under KPIDFE –IMA & Other Scam) Bengaluru.

HDFC BANK LIMITED

HDFC BANK
Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001
Tel:-080-41183000 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC) issues E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** as per the details mentioned below :
Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in **Column (A) under Rule 8(6)** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's **website i.e. www.hdfcbank.com**

Sl No	(A) Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)/	(B) Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)*	(C) Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)	(D &E) Date of Auction and Time ---------- Type of Possession	(F&G) Reserve Price (Rs.) ---------- Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)
1	Mr. Kumar Suresh C (Borrower)	Loan A/c Nos: (1) 687930062 Rs.49,80,069/- (2) 689546730 Rs. 2,32,848/- Total Rs. 52,12,917/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Only) as on 31.07.2024	**Schedule A :** All that piece and parcel of Converted property bearing **Sy.No.13,** Converted Vide., Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.(NA)16/2005-06, dated 02-01-2006 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP measuring 0-13 Guntas (East to West 170 Feet and North to South 75 Feet plus 1234 Square Feet totally measuring 14,000 Square Feet) and bounded on the : **East by** : Property belongs to Smt. Shaheen Banu, **West by** : Property belongs to Mr. D.Seivaraj and others, **North by :** Road and Private Property, **South by :** Private Property. **Schedule B :** Residential Flat bearing **Flat No.105,** in the First Floor of the building known as **"PROSPERHOMES BLISS"** constructed on Schedule 'A' property with super built up area of **1008.34 Sq.ft.** together with **250.11 Sq.ft** undivided share of the land comprised in Schedule "A" Property, Containing Two bed room, along with one car parking.	18.02.2026 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM ---------- Physical	Rs.59,50,000/- [Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only] ---------- Rs.5,95,000/- [Rupees Five Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Only]
2	Mr. Saha Abhishek (Borrower)	Loan A/c Nos: 683768566 Rs.43,30,000/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only) as on 31.07.2024	**Schedule A :** All that piece and parcel of Converted property bearing **Sy.No.13,** Converted Vide., Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR.(NA)16/2005-06, dated 02-01-2006 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, situated at Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP measuring 0-13 Guntas (East to West 170 Feet and North to South 75 Feet plus 1234 Square Feet totally measuring 14,000 Square Feet) and bounded on the **East by** : Property belongs to Smt. Shaheen Banu, **West by :** Property belongs to Mr. D.Selvaraj and others, **North by** : Road and Private Property, **South by :** Private Property **Schedule B :** Residential Flat bearing **Flat No.104,** in the First Floor of the building known as **"PROSPERHOMES BLISS"** constructed on Schedule 'A' property with super built up area of **1009.76 Sq.ft,** together with **250.46 Sq.ft** undivided share of the land comprised in Schedule "A" Property, Containing Two bed room, along **with one car parking.**	18.02.2026 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM ---------- Physical	Rs.55,00,000/- [Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Only] ---------- Rs.5,50,000/- [Rupees Five Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only]

1. Inspection Date & Time: 16.01.2026 and 23.01.2026 between 11.AM TO 4.PM
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs. 35,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 16.02.2026 (Before 5.00 PM)

together with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.
The online auction will be conducted on the web site https://biddeal.in of our auction agency M/s Valuetrust Capital Services Pvt Ltd.,
For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N / Shridhar Chinni, official of HDFC Bank Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126 / 9449080072 / 7795853045. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC, There are builder dues, Tax & Khata charges as applicable to complate the sale transaction.

Date : 03.01.2026
Place: Bangalore
For HDFC Bank Ltd.
Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY,
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Properties are free of all encumbrances and are in the name of Competent Authority appointed by Government and confirmed by the Special Court under KPIDFE Act, 2004. and Hon'ble High Court Of Karnataka has cleared the title (Khata stands in the name of Competent Authority and Auctioning Authority)

Sl. No.	DETAILS OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY (Clear Title by Court in order No. MISC No. 706/2019)	Minimum Bid Price (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Bid Increase Value (Rs)
1.	Site No 640, BBMP Khata No. 843/640, HBR layout, 1st Stage, 3rd Block, now Numbered as 640, HBR layout, 1 to 5th block And HBR 2nd Stage, ward No. 24, BDA Layout, Bengaluru. East to West 40 & North to South 60 ft Total measuring 2400 sq.ft. Location: https://maps.app.goo.gl/vjye83jZnVB2zAA69			
(a)	Ground Floor, Flat No. GF-01, UDS-480, SBA-2027 sq.ft	1,54,86,900/-	15,49,000/-	1,55,000/-
(b)	1st Floor, Flat No. FF-01, UDS-480, SBA-2027 sq.ft	1,56,41,750/-	15,65,000/-	1,57,000/-
(c)	2nd Floor, Flat No. SF-01, UDS-480, SBA-2027 sq.ft	1,57,96,600/-	15,80,000/-	1,58,000/-
(d)	3rd Floor, Flat No. TF-01, UDS-480, SBA-2027 sq.ft	1,55,63,850/-	15,57,000/-	1,56,000/-
(e)	4th Floor, Flat No. FRF-01, UDS-480, SBA-2027 sq.ft	1,55,63,850/-	15,57,000/-	1,56,000/-

Date of Pre-bid meeting & time and Place	Date of Inspection & time	Last Date of Submission of Bids & EMD submission	Date & Time of E Auction
21st January 2026, 3 pm to 4 pm Place: O/o SPLOCA, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Tower, Bengaluru-01	30th January 2026 11:00am to 05:00pm	16th February 2026 Before 5pm	17th February 2026 11 am to 1 pm

For Registration & Online Auction, you can login to: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** (Helpdesk No: 080-46010000, 080-68948777) The interested bidders who require auction related information can contact Assistant Commissioner, Office of the Special Officer & Competent Authority, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Towers, Dr.Ambedkar Veedi, Bengaluru-560001, e-mail ID: **splocaeauction@gmail.com** or Contact Mob. No 9945515174.

Date: 01-01-2026
Place: Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/4804/Zen/2025-26
Sd/-
Special Officer & Competent Authority
(Under KPIDFE –IMA & Other Scam) Bengaluru.

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
A.O. # 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020.
Phone: 23562229 / 23460051

Rule 13(4) Appendix IV
POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest (SARFAESI) Act., 2002, and In exercise of power under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice on the dates mentioned below calling therein upon the within-named Borrowers / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of the said notice.
The within - named Borrowers / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conduct on him under Section 13 (4) of the said of the Act read with rule 9 of the Said Rules of the below mentioned date.
The Borrowers / Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** For the amount, interest & other charges thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower	Descriptions of the property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding in Rs.
1.	**Smt. T. Devi W/o Late T. Bhupathi,** No.10, 12th Cross, Behind Andhra Bank, RHCS Layout, Annapoorneshwarinagara, Sriganda Kawal, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560091. **Guarantors:** **1. Kuamri T. Chandana D/o Late T. Bhupati** **2. Kuamri T. Bhavana D/o Late T. Bhupati** Both residence at: No.10, 12th Cross, Behind Andhra Bank, RHCS Layout, Annapoorneshwarinagara, Sriganda Kawal, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560091. **3. Sri Kumar B. S/o Subramani Naidu** No.64/1, 2nd Floor, Sri Sai Krishna Residency, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560061.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Site No.10 of Srigandhadakawalu Jayalakshmamma Layout, New No.191, New PID No.129-W0270-25, Old No.17/10/34/146, Khata Serial No.186 of Conversion Layout under Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(N)149/1992-92 dated 29.02.1992 of Bengaluru DC in Survey No.37/9 and 37/24 of Srigandhadakawalu Village, presently situated at Jayalakshmamma Layout, Srigandhadakawalu, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No.129. Benagluru, **Measuring:** East to West (53'-0" +70'-0")/2 fts and North to South (64'-0" + 85'-0")/2 fts, having a total extent of 4581.75 square feets and **Bounded on the**: **East by**: Others Property, **West by**:Bhavi, **North by**: 40 Feet Road. **South by**: 25 Feet Road.	09.10.2025	31.12.2025	A/c No. - EMI-512 & 543 Rs.2,71,13,432/- + With further interest & other charges from 09.10.2025
2.	**1. Smt. Yashoda W/o Krishna Raju D.** **2. Sri.Sagar Murthy K. S/o Krishna Raju D.** **3. Sri.Sathyanarayana K. S/o Krishna Raju D.** All are resident at: No.377, Near Mulakattamma Temple, 3rd Main Road, Kamalanagara, Bengaluru-560079. **Guarantors:** **1.Sri Krishna Raju D. S/o Late Doddaiah** No.377, Near Mulakattamma Temple, 3rd Main Road, Kamalanagara, Bengaluru-560079. **2. Sri Akshay A. S/o M Annappa** No.154, Near Vidhya Priya School, RHCS Layout, Annapoorneshwarinagara, Chowdeshwarinagara, Laggere, Bengaluru-560058.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Present Corporation No.377 registered in present PID No.16-70-377, Old No.377 of Layout formed by Govt of Karnataka in Survey No.46 of Sanegoravanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, presently Bengaluru City Kamalanagara Layout Survey No.46, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.16, Benagluru, **Measuring:** East to West 20'-0" Fts and North to South 35'-0" Fts, having a total extent of 700 square feets and **Bounded on the: East by**: Property No.375, **West by**: Property No.378, North by: Others Property, **South by**: Road.	16.10.2025	31.12.2025	A/c No. - EMI-539 Rs.39,51,827/- + With further interest & other charges from 15.10.2025
3.	**Smt. Sharada W/o Late R.V. Basavarajaiah** No.84/83, Near Lohith School, Opp Oxbridge College, 5th Cross, Maruthnagara, Herohalli, Bengaluru-560 091. **Guarantors:** **1. Sri Chethan Kumar B. S/o Late R V Basavarajaiah** **2. Sri Janardhan B. S/o Late R.V. Basavarajaiah** Both are resident at: No.84/83, Near Lohith School, Opp Oxbridge College 5th Cross, Maruthnagara, Herohalli, Bengaluru-560091.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Site No.140 registered in Khata No.17/3 of Assessment No.17/3, Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No.72, Benagluru, **Measuring:** East to West 30'-0" Fts and North to South 40'-0" Fts, having a total extent of 1200 square feets and **Bounded on the**: **East by**: Site No.141, **West by**: Site No.139, **North by**: Site No.133, **South by**: Road.	16.10.2025	31.12.2025	A/c No. - EMI-511 Rs.48,35,341/- + With further interest & other charges from 15.10.2025
4.	**Smt. Susheela B. W/o R. Balaram** No.233/56, 5th Cross, Near Vodafone Mobile Tower, Venkatapura, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560034. **Guarantors:** **1. Sri R. Balaram, S/o Ramaiah** **2. Sri Harish B. S/o R. Balaram** **3. Smt Shilpa H. W/o Harish B.** All are resident at: No.233/56, 5th Cross, Near Vodafone Mobile Tower, Venkatapura, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560034.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Present Corporation No.56 registered in present PID No.66-89-56, Old No.4, House List No.50/13, New Khata No.56, Old Khata No.233, Situated at 5th Cross, Venkatapura (Layout) Village, Beguru Hobli, Bengaluru City BBMP Ward No.173(Old 66), Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 35'-0" Fts and North to South 48'-0" Fts having a total extent of 1680 square feets and bounded on the: East by: Property of Yellappa, West by: Property No.3, North by: Road, South by: Property of K. Muniswamappa.	17.10.2024	31.12.2025	A/c No. - EMI-551 Rs.91,17,748/- + With further interest & other charges from 15.10.2025
5.	**Sri Abdul Kareem S/o Late Abdul Lathif** No.30, 1st Floor, Near Ganga Bakery, 3rd Main Road, Ganganagara Extension, Bengaluru-560032. **Guarantors:** **1. Smt. Mushtary. W/o Abdul Kareem** No.30, 1st Floor, Near Ganga Bakery, 3rd Main Road, Ganganagara Extension, Bengaluru-560032. **2. Smt.Aneesa Fathima W/o Althaf Pasha** No.30, 1st Floor, Near Ganga Bakery, 3rd Main Road, Ganganagara Extension, Bengaluru-560032.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Present Corporation No.30 Registered in PID No.98-74-30, Old Corporation No. 12/2, Old No.56, Muncipal No.12/A, Hebbal Mill, Gangenahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru City North Taluk, Presently Situated at Hebbal Mill 3rd Main Road, Ganganagara, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.98, Benagluru, **Measuring:** East to West 50'-0" fts and North to South 40'-0" fts, having a total extent of 2000 square feets and **Bounded on the: East by**: Conservancy, **West by**: Road, **North by:** Property No.55, **South by**: Property No.57.	09.10.2024	31.12.2025	A/c No. - EMI-331 Rs.37,74,249/- + With further interest & other charges from 09.10.2025

Date: 03.01.2026
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru.

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BRIEF TENDER NOTICES

1. On behalf of the President of India, **item-rate** tender is invited for the following work:

Description	Details
Name of work	Supply & replacement of conventional luminaries with LED based luminaries at various buildings at ISITE Campus, Marathahalli, Bengaluru (Phase-IIa)
E-Tender Notice	URSC/C&MG/E/C/17/2025-26 Dt. 31/12/2025
Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 69.34 Lakhs
Tender Document Details	**E-Tender**
Period of completion in months	Three (03) Months
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From: 18:10 Hrs. on 01/01/2026 To: 23:59 Hrs. on 21/01/2026
Bid clarification	From: 19:00 Hrs. on 01/01/2026 To: 14:30 Hrs. on 22/01/2026
Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification.	Upto: 18:00 Hrs. on 23/01/2026
Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	Upto: 14:00 Hrs. on 27/01/2026
Due date and time of opening of tenders.	14:30 Hrs. on 27/01/2026
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 1,38,680/-

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details in website:www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO

Sd/-
Group Director, C&MG, URSC

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer (Co-Ordination & Planning),
BSCC, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagara 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560011.

No:EE(COP)/BSCC/KPPP/Tender No/03/2025-26 Date: 02-01-2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Single Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Co-Ordination & Planning, BSCC, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of work detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Construction of Dog Shelter at Sy. No. 179 in S. Bingipura Village. **Approximated Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 46.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 92,000/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Document can be Downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders is **12-01-2026 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Date of Opening of Financial **Bid: 13-01-2026 at 5.00 PM or After Technical Bid Approval.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Co-Ordination & Planning, BSCC.

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Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch
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Bangalore-560001. Ph: 080-25310066.
E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical** possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

For details with regard to E-Auction & digital signature please contact the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance (https://baanknet.com/) e- mail: support.ebkray@psballiance.com Helpdesk Number : 8291220220, Website: https://baanknet.com/**

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan.

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Lot No	Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Description of the immovable assets:	(1) Total Dues (2) Auction Date & Time	a. Reserve Price b. EMD c. Incremental Bid	Inspection date & time EMD deposited date
1	**(1) M/s Air Pegasus Pvt Ltd.,** No. 21/15, M G Road, Bangalore-56001. **(2) Sri Shyson Thomas** S/o Late P C Joseph, **(3) Mrs. Shyana Thomas** W/o Shyson Thomas, **(4) Mr. Ashwin Thomas** S/o Shyson Thomas, **All are Residing at :** # 637/1, Ashwin Manor, Air Port Road, HAL Post, Bangalore-560017. **(5) M/s Decor Aviation Pvt Ltd.,** # 22 and 23, 3rd Main, Air view Colony, HAL, Bangalore-560017.	All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy. No. 54, 55 and 902 measuring 0.77 Ares, 9.75 Ares and 3.64 Ares respectively located at Chendamangalam Village, Paravur Taluk, Ernakulam District together with building bearing No. 1/527 (Total extent 14.16 Ares) and bounded as follows: East by : B Schedule Property & Thodu, West by : River, North by : Private Road & B Schedule Property, South by : Property of Puthenveetil Shelly. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 10.186240 Longitude- 76.204772**	**Rs. 76,22,97,436.64 as on 29.12.2025 interest and cost thereon. 23.01.2026 10.00 AM to 11.00 AM**	**a) Rs. 75.00 b) Rs. 7.50 c) Rs. 1.00**	**21.01.2026 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. before 22.01.2026 5.00 PM**
2	**(1) M/S B R Electronics And Home Appliances,** Anekal Road Iggalur, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560081. **(2) Sri M Balaraju** S/o Muniyallappa, No. E-29 O-21 Near Govt School, Iggalur Village Chandapur Post, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560081. **Guarantor: Mr. M Laxmaiah** S/o Munisamappa, Iggalur Village, Chandapur Post, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru-560081	All the Piece and parcel of land and building existing in land bearing Sy. no.84, sl. no.243 Ols Assesment No.146, New Assesment No.157,Junjar no.243,Old pty no.146 and new pty no.157 situated at Iggalur Village of Chandapur Circle –Anekal Road, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Private Property and Road, West by: Chikkathayamma, North by: Property of Muniyappa, South by:Property of Laxmaiah.	**Rs. 4,57,03,289.73 as on 29.12.2025 interest and cost thereon. 23.01.2026 10.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M.**	**a) Rs. 425.00 b) Rs. 42.50 c) Rs. 1.00**	**21.01.2026 11 A.M to 4.00P.M. before 22.01.2026 5.00 PM**
3	**(1) M/s Sri Udupi Park,** Sy no. 87, Alok Plaza, Sadarmangala Industrial area opposite ITPL, Whitefield Road Bangalore-560017. **(2) Mr. Keradi Chandrasekhar Shetty (Partner)** S/o Veeranna Shetty, 4th Floor, Shree Enclave, Murugeshpalya, Old Airport Road, Bangalore-560017. **(3) Mr. Sathish Shetty (Partner),** S/o Manjunatha Shetty, No. 209, C Wing, 2nd Floor, Trifecta Starlight Apartment, Mahadevapura, Bangalore-560048.**(4) Mr. Ravindra Sheena Mogaveera (Partner),** S/o Sheena Mogaveera, No. 1409, C Wing, 4th Floor, Trifecta Starlight Apartment, Mahadevapura, Bangalore-560048. **(5) Mrs. Nagarathna G.(Partner)** W/o G Krishnamurthy, No. 18/2, 10th cross, Near Shanimahatma Temple, HAL 3rd Stage, Kodihalli, Bangalore- 560008	All that piece of residential plot situated at No.95 BBMP PID no. 74-58-95 (Earlier bearing HASB Khata no. 207/b in Sy no. 18/2 situated at 10th Cross Kodihalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring 2090 sq.ft. and bounded: EAST- Private Property, WEST- Private Property, NORTH- Private property, SOUTH- Road. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 12.9647064N Longitude- 77.6489471E**	**Rs. 6,80,11,424.61 as on 29.12.2025 interest and cost thereon. 23.01.2026 10.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M.**	**a) Rs.137.80 b) Rs. 13.78 c) Rs.1.00**	**21.01.2026 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. before 22.01.2026 5.00 PM**
		Machineries and Equipment's Owner of Sri Alok Park, Whitefield Road, Bangalore. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 12.9880029 Longitude- 77.733985**		**a) Rs. 37.40 b) Rs. 3.74 c) Rs. 0.50**	

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.08025310066, 6301683293 and 9039609346 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 02.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, RAICHUR
[ICAR, NAAC accredited and UGC u/s 12(B) & 2(f) approved]
Stores Purchase Officer, UAS, Raichur - 584104,
E-mail: spo@uasraichur.edu.in Ph: 08532-220165

E-Tender Notification No. SPO/UASR/E-Proc-14/2025-26, Dt: 31.12.2025.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur is inviting e-tender notification for SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & DEMONSTRATION OF INTEGRATED BLENDED SMART CLASSROOM SOLUTIONS,E-BOOKS / E-RESOURCES, DIGITAL QUIZ & E-LEARNING / E-RESOURCES (E-BOOKS) & 3 WHEELER ELECTRIC VEHICLE.The interested suppliers are requested to participate through online only. Thewebsite address iswww.kppp.karnataka.gov.in(Indent Number:-UASRCR/2025-26/IND0084 to 0087)The last date for submission of filled in Tender Document is 15.01.2026.

Sd/- Stores Purchase Officer
UAS, Raichur.

DIP/RCR/632/KSMCA/634/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Division: Yadgir.
GSTIN:29BLR002252F1DR

NO:EE/PWD/DIVN/YDG/TS-2/2025-26/ 2356, Dated:31-12-2025

Addendum/Corrizendum e-Tender Notification

Sub: Addendam for Work Indent No.PWD/2025-26/IND0195-reg.

Ref: This office Short Term e-Tender Notification No. EE/PWD/e-Tender/ TS-2/ 2025-26/ 2232, Dated: 17-12-2025

With reference to the above subject due to technical reasons some corrections and additional necessary changes made are inserted as discussed in pre-bid meeting for the above e-tender notification work indent no. PWD/2025-26/IND0195

Sl. No	Particulars of Tender	Corrections and additional changes (Documents uploaded in kppp portal)	Remarks
1	None	General Condition No.42 Inserted	Addendum
2	Technical Condition No.5	Technical Condition No.5 Corrected	Corrizendum
3	Bid Document Section-III	14.8 (i) Corrected	Corrizendum
4	Bid Document Section-VI	Annexure-A Technical Specification Added	Corrizendum
5	Bid Document Section-VII 1(a), 1-b(ii)	Bid Document Section-VII 1(a), 1-b(ii) Updated	Corrizendum

NOTE: 1) Any Corrections / Changes will be updated in the kppp Portal only 2) No changes in other conditions

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Yadgir.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property Mortgaged / Charged to the **ARM Branch II, Bangalore of Canara Bank,** the **Possession** of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of ARM Branch II, Bangalore will be sold "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis** for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Name of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities	Description of Immovable Properties (Name of Owner / Mortgagor to be mentioned)	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price & Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] Date & Time	Incremental Value at Bid
1. **GA Doors and More** Ground Floor, No. 67/5, RK Reddy Industrial Estate, Lakshmipura, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru - 560097. **2. Mr. Bharath Kumar G S/o. K Ganesh** No. 22 Byraveshwara Nagara Shettihalli, Bengaluru - 560015. **3. Mr. Thulasi Nayak S/o. Late Rama Nayak** Basaveshwara Nagar, Kanakapura, Ramanagara Post - 562117 **4. Mr. Bharath Kumar G** No. 22, Kotishwari Nilaya, Anjanadhri Layout, 7th cross, Shettihalli, Jalahalli West, Benagaluru - 560015.	**Rs. 2,39,20,983.96/- (Rupees Two Crores Thirty Nine Lakhs Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Three and Ninety Three Paisa only) as on 31.12.2025 plus further interest thereon and other expenses**	**Property No.1 :-** All that piece and parcel of the property being 3 BHK Apartment bearing No. A-901, on the 9th Floor vide Kaatha No. 6513062666 in the Apartment known as "Pragathi Amber" Situated in Ananth Nagar, Electronic City, Bengaluru - 560100 constructed in Composite Property, having a super built up area of 1560 Sq.ft. (which is inclusive of the common walls between the apartments and proportionate share in the common areas) and with 2 Covered Car Parking Space in Basement/ Ground Floor and bounded by : **East by :** Lift Lobby, **West by :** Open Space, **North by :** Open Space, **South by :** Corridor. **Property No. 2 :-** All that piece and parcel of the property being 3 BHK Apartment bearing bearing No A-1101, on the 11th Floor vide Kaatha No. 7235091858 in the building known as "Pragathi Amber" Situated in Ananth Nagar, Electronic City, Bengaluru - 560100 constructed in Composite Property, having a super built up area of 1560 Sq.ft. (which is inclusive of the common walls between the apartments and proportionate share in the common areas) and with 2 Covered Car Parking Space in Basement/ Ground Floor and bounded by : **East by :** Lift Lobby, **West by :** Open Space, **North by :** Open Space, **South by :** Corridor.	**22.01.2026 – 01:00 PM to 03.00 PM** (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)	**Property No. 1 : Reserve Price: Rs. 68.04/- Lakhs EMD Rs. 6,80,400/- Property No. 2 : Reserve Price: Rs. 68.04 Lakhs EMD Rs. 6,80,400/- on or before 21.01.2026**	**Multiplies of Rs. 25,000/-** **Encumbrance (s):** Not Known to the Bank
1. M/s Sree Hanuman Enterprises K No. 1803/6/35, Near Jnanabhodini School Pavagada Taluk, Tumkur - 561202. **2. Sri G N Sanjivareddy S/o. Narasimhappa** Near Jnanabhadini School, Gundaralahalli Village Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru - 561202. **3. Smt. Eshwaramma W/o Sanjeeva Reddy** Near Jnanabhodini School, Gundaralahalli Village, Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru - 561202.	**Rs. 68,06,004.46/- (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs Six Thousand Four and Forty Six Paisa only) plus further interest thereon from 31.12.2025 and other expenses**	AC sheet roofed commercial Building consists of Ground floor constructed in sites bearing : **Site No. 32 :-** Formed in Sy.No. 6, Khata No. 1803/6/1/32 (Old Khata No.1803/6 and later on Khata No. 1803/6/32), PID No. 10-501-32/16, Measuring : N-S 9.12 Meter and E-W 12.14 Meter, Total Area 1200 Sq.ft, Bounded on : **East :** Road, **West :** Park, **North :** Road, **South :** Site No 35. **Owner Name : Mrs. Eshwaramma** **Site No. 35 :-** Formed in Sy.No. 6, Khata No. 1803/6/1/35 (Old Khata No. 1803/6 and later on Khata No. 1803/6/35), PID No. 10-501-35/17, Measuring : N-S 9.12 Meter and E-W 12.14 Meter, Total Area 1200 Sq.Ft, Bounded on : **East :** Road, **West :** Park, **North :** Site No. 32, **South :** Road. **Owner Name : Mrs. Eshwaramma** **Site No. 36 :-** Formed in Sy.No. 6, Khata No. 1803/6/1/36 (Old Khata No. 1803/6 and later on Khata No. 1803/6/36), PID No.10-501-36/15, Measuring : N-S 9.12 Meter and EW 12.14 meter. Total Area 1200 Sq.ft, Bounded on : **East :** Road, **West :** Park, **North :** Road, **South :** Site No.39. **Owner Name : Mrs. Eshwaramma** **Site No. 39 :-** Formed in Sy.No. 6, Khata No. 1803/6/1/39 (Old khata No. 1803/6 and later on Khata No. 1803/6/39), PID No. 10-501-39/14, Measuring : N-S 9.12 Meter and E-W 12.14 Meter. Total Area 1200 Sq.ft, Bounded on : **East :** Road, **West :** Park, **North :** Site No. 36, **South :** Road. **Owner Name : Mrs. Eshwaramma** Situated at 37/14, # T, 1st Main,Ward No. 23, PavagadaTaluk, Tumakuru, Karnataka - 561202.	**22.01.2026 – 01:00 PM to 03.00 PM** (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)	**Reserve Price: Rs. 86.00/- Lakhs EMD Rs. 8.60/- Lakhs on or before 21.01.2026**	**Multiplies of Rs. 25,000/-** **Encumbrance (s):** Not Known to the Bank

Other terms and conditions

a. Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the **Website : https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer .
c. The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (Baanknet)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS / NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan.
e. After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **21.01.2026, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email.**
   i. Demand Draft / Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
   ii. Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
   iii. Bid Form.
   The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com /**and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, **M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail : support.baanknet@psballiance.com** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
f. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs. 25,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
g. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of **Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR** shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code : CNRB0006298.**
h. For sale proceeds of **Rs. 50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty Lacs)** and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank.
   i. All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
   j. Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
   k. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach **Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru,** who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements.
   l. Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank.

For further details contact Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2 - (9113092975, 8921102717, 7561062889, 9201460154, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s. PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail : support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com

Special Instruction / Caution :

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 01.01.2026

Authorised Officer
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Demand Notice under Sub Section 2 of Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 (hereinafter referred to as "The Act".)

We, HDFC BANK LTD hereinafter called as "Bank" do here by issue notice as under. Please take notice that you the following had availed a loan details of which have been mentioned hereunder. Towards the said loan you have created security interest in favour of the Bank on the property described hereunder by way of mortgage by depositing title deed. After availing the said loan, contrary to the contractual obligations you have defaulted repayment of the loan amount together with interest and other charges. Hence, your loan account has been categorized as Non Performing Asset. Therefore, the Bank hereby recall the entire loan and call upon you to pay total amount outstanding in your loan account together with interest and all other charges thereon (details of which have been mentioned hereunder), within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of this Notice. Further, You are hereby put on notice that in terms of Sec.13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured asset detailed hereunder.

If you fail to repay the Bank the outstanding amount, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sec 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other or further legal proceedings, as it deems necessary under any applicable provisions of law.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower/ Co Borrowers	Description of property (Secured Assets)	A/c No & Amount	Date of NPA	Total Amount /Outstanding Amount
1	**1. Ramesh N S/o Narasimaiah** # 53, Jattipalya Kadabagere Bangalore North-tq Bangalore-562130 **2. Narasimhaiah C** S/o Channappa # 214, Jettipalya, Magadi Main Road, Channehalli, Kadabagere, Bangalore-562130. **3. Channa Keshava Hanumaiah** S/o Hanumaiah Muniyappa Mallathahally, #26 A, Mallathahalli Bangalore University 560056	All the pieces & parcel of the property bearing Site No 17, Assessment Ward No 28/3 present Khata No 2748, old Khata No 44/4/1 & 2737 Kodigehalli Village Yeshwanthpur Hobli Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore- 562123 Boundaries as per the deed. East - Road, West - Site No 20, North - Site No, 18,South by- Site No, 16 Measurements Area: North - South: 30 Feet,East- West: 40 Feet Total Measurements: 1200 Feet	**A/c No.** 502000 23859806 **Amount Rs. 15,00,000/-**	01.10.2025	**Rs.18,65,749.26** as on 02.12.2025

Place : Bangalroe
Date : 31.12.2025

Regd.Office : HDFC Bank Limited, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013.

Sd/- Authorised Officer, HDFC BANK Ltd.,

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 30.12.2025	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date Time & Place for submission of Bid
1	45359630002069	1) Mr. Guruswamy, 2) Mrs. Bhagyamma	18.02.2025	25.08.2025	Rs.6,50,674.15 (Rupees Six Lakh Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Four and Fifteen Paisa Only)	22.01.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.10,77,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Only)	Rs.1,07,700/- (Rupees One Lakh Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Only)	05.02.2026 @ 02:00 PM	04.02.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071

Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel for Property Khaneshumari No.57/48, measuring East to West 9.1439 Meter and North to South 19.8119 Meters, situated at Nidagallu Village, Nidagallu Dhakle, Narayanapura Grama Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** House belongs to Susheelamma, **West by:** House belongs to Varalakshmi, **North by:** Government Road, **South by:** Property belongs to Kariyappa.

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** & **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. 4 Closure** at the web portal **https://bankauctions.in** & **www.foreclosureindia.com.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. Varun B Contact Number: 8142000809. Email id: info@bankauctions.in/ Karnataka@bankauctions.in..**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362951653).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 03.01.2026, Place: Bangalore Rural

Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

EDITORIAL

"Every morning, when I wake again under the pall of the sky, I feel that for me it is New Year's Day" — Antonio Gramsci

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— Ramnath Goenka

HIGHER LOAN RECOVERIES, LOWER WRITE-OFFS NEEDED TO IMPROVE BANKS' HEALTH

INDIAN banks today are bigger, better and more efficient than ever, according to the RBI. However, in its latest Financial Stability Report, the central bank warned that we may have to watch out for risks from unsecured lending, increasing exposure to financial technologies, external uncertainties, and, importantly, stablecoins. Cautioning about the dangers hidden in global markets, it noted that geopolitical and trade-related uncertainties pose near-term risks to financial stability. On the domestic front, non-bank financial intermediaries and their interconnectedness with banks need a closer scrutiny, while their exposure to smaller enterprises, which are stressed from over-leveraging, needs attention. On balance, though banks and non-bank lenders seem healthy with a good capital base, stable profits and better asset quality, much will depend on risk management, timely policy actions and coordination between lenders and the regulator.

Helpfully, banks' asset quality has improved to the best level in several decades, with gross bad loan ratio falling to 2.1 percent during the September quarter from 2.5 percent a year before and a peak of 11.5 percent in 2017-18. Their net non-performing assets (NPAs) are projected to improve further to 1.9 percent by March 2027 in the central bank's baseline scenario. But under adverse scenarios, gross bad loans could jump to 3.2-4.2 percent. That said, the overall financial health of banks remains sound, with strong capital and liquidity buffers, improved asset quality and robust profitability, and according to the RBI, these factors will enable banks to absorb any possible shocks.

While declining gross NPAs is heartening, the other half of the story comprising write-offs and recoveries isn't that heart-warming. Indian banks have written off an alarming ₹8.90 lakh crore of bad loans over the last five financial years and the current year up to September 2025. Public sector banks alone have written off an aggregate loan amount of ₹6.16 lakh crore. Write-offs are not outright waivers, but what's disappointing is that debt recoveries remain piecemeal. For instance, while lenders referred 28,000-56,000 cases annually to debt recovery tribunals in the last years, involving amounts as high as ₹4 lakh crore, recoveries ranged between ₹8,113 crore and ₹39,777 crore a year. It means all efforts should now be towards higher recoveries and lower write-offs.

INDORE TRAGEDY SHOULD TRIGGER ACTION NATIONWIDE

IT'S a crying shame that at least 10 people including an infant have died from imbibing contaminated municipal water in India's 'cleanest city'. The mayor of Indore has admitted that human excreta leaching into the main water pipeline in the city's Bhagirathpura area caused an outbreak of diarrhoea that affected more than 1,400 residents. The matter jumped to national prominence on Wednesday, when the Madhya Pradesh High Court directed the city corporation to ensure clean water supplies. But residents from the affected area have been calling the mayor's helpline with complaints of contaminated, foul-smelling water from as far back as October. And this happened in a city adjudged the cleanest in India by the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs for eight consecutive years.

If not for protecting its pride, one would have expected institutional memory in Madhya Pradesh to trigger greater urgency in dealing with deadly contamination. Exactly a month ago, the state sombrely commemorated the country's worst industrial disaster. The leakage of deadly chemicals from Union Carbide's Bhopal plant on December 3, 1984 killed thousands overnight and several more thousands over the following years as a result of exposure. An analysis of groundwater samples from near the plant a quarter century later revealed the presence of toxic materials several times higher than the safe limits. Yet, civic groups have had to wage legal battles for decades to clean up toxic waste from the site—an action that started as late as last January.

Indore had worked hard on waste management, road cleaning and construction of public toilets to earn its tag of a clean city. But administrative apathy and criminal negligence can destroy a carefully-built reputation in days. In 2019, the auditor general had flagged serious deficiencies in water management in Bhopal and Indore, including the observation that it usually took the municipalities 22-108 days to control a leakage. It's not only about Indore—studies show that like the air above, the aquifers under many of our cities are prone to other kinds of deadly contamination, too. Excessive arsenic, fluoride and uranium in hundreds of districts continue to impose a silent toll that goes unaddressed. It's time we urgently demanded safe and ample supply of the most basic substance that makes life on the planet possible.

QUICK TAKE

PLAYING WITH FIRE

THOSE looking on with horror at the rising toll from the New Year's Day fire at a Swiss ski resort would remember what happened in a Goan village less than a month ago. Like at Crans-Montana's Le Constellation bar, young revellers at the Birch nightclub in Arpora were trapped as fire engulfed a packed dance-floor. On New Year's Eve, a report on the December 6 tragedy in Goa that killed 25 people was made public. It painted a damning picture of administrative neglect, with panchayat members who needed to act on the establishment's lapsed trade licence and illegal construction passing the buck. No safety standard can be expected to improve unless those responsible are held accountable for negligence leading to death.

THE first phase of Myanmar's general elections—held five years after the February 2021 military coup—concluded on December 28. Two more phases are scheduled on January 11 and 25. The results, which many international organisations including the United Nations have said will be no more than a sham to legitimise the military's hold on the country's politics, will be out by February.

The coup immersed Myanmar in a violent civil war along several ethnic and political faultlines, leading many to conclude that these elections will be violence-marred, besides deepening the existing social fissures. Thankfully, there have been no reports of major election-related escalation of violence in the first phase, although it is too early to predict whether this will hold for the rest of the phases and thereafter.

These elections do appear hollow considering only 57 political parties are contesting for the two Union legislative Houses and 14 unicameral assemblies, one each for its seven states and seven regions. Numerous other parties—including Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD), which won a landslide victory in the 2020 election and came to power before being ousted three months later by the coup led by General Min Aung Hlaing—will not be contesting.

The NLD and several other parties refused to register with the Union Election Commission, and have thereby been dissolved. According to estimates, these parties together received 70 percent of the votes in 2020 and won 90 percent of the seats in the Union as well as regional legislatures. Moreover, in 65 of the country's 330 townships (sub-divisions), elections will not be held on security considerations.

By a provision of the country's 2008 constitution, 25 percent of seats in all legislative Houses are reserved for the military. Of the two Union legislatures, the lower House called Pyithu Hluttaw (House of Representatives) has 440 seats, of which 330 are elected and 110 reserved for military appointees. The upper House Amyotha Hluttaw (House of Nationalities) has 224 seats, of which 168 are elected and 56 reserved for military appointees.

The important question at this critical juncture is, what now? Broadly, there have been two different approaches—one moralistic and the other pragmatic. The former is near-universal and needs no further explanation. The latter is best exemplified by China's stance.

China would prefer a strong govt in Myanmar, whatever be the configuration. Hope for stability lies in a repeat of the now-familiar alternation between military and civil rule

CHINA COUNTS ITS CHICKENS AS MYANMAR VOTES

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Singapore-based Chinese policy journal *ThinkChina* best explained this position in a recent article. China sees Myanmar from its own geopolitical interest and considers "a relatively stable Myanmar is far more aligned with Beijing's core interests in Southeast Asia than a fractured Myanmar".

Initially, Beijing considered the junta and General Aung Hlaing as anti-China, and this was reinforced by the latter's consistent refusal to crack down on scam centres in the northern Shan state that were ensnaring Chinese citizens across the border. In the early months of the coup, it was widely reported that Beijing was leaving its options open and was in touch with both Suu Kyi's underground National Unity government and General Aung Hlaing-led State Administrative Council.

It was even speculated that Beijing had a part in the formation of the Three Brotherhood Alliance between three powerful ethnic armed groups—Arakan Army of the Rakhine people, Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) of the Kokang people and Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) of the Ta'ang people.

In October 2023, this alliance made concerted assaults and delivered crushing defeats to junta positions in Shan state, capturing many important townships including the border trading hub Lashio. These wins were crucial for they emboldened other rebels across the country, stretching junta logistics and putting it under tremendous pressure.

It was at this point that China shifted its stance, realising a defeat of the military was most likely to splinter the country into many statelets, jeopardising Beijing's geopolitical strategy, leaving it to deal with several territories and not one country, and inviting the entrenchment of rival power interests in the theatre. Interestingly, this need for centralisation to avoid disintegration has also complicated the civil war itself. As a report by the International Crisis Group indicated, there are several civil militias—Pyusawhti—fighting on behalf of the junta, too.

Beijing went ahead to broker peace between junta and the ethnic armed groups it exercised considerable influence on, in particular the MNDAA and TNLA. It also restrained the United Wa State Army, probably the best-armed ethnic group, from selling arms to others.

This led to the junta gaining lost grounds in many rebel-held regions. China also began encouraging the junta to go ahead with its election plan. Quite obviously, it is not democracy per se but its own strategic interest that prompted China to take this approach, as *ThinkChina* analyst David Mathieson cites.

Another analyst, Sun Yun, director of the China Programme at Stimson Centre in Washington DC, aligns with this view, saying the "only viable solution is gradual reform, not a complete revolution. A structured election is the most likely way to achieve this".

India's position, although not as visible as China's, leans towards pragmatism. An indication is that Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with General Aung Hlaing on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit in Tianjin last August.

The alternation between military and civil rule has now become cyclic in Myanmar. Hence, the 2010 election after the adoption of the 2008 constitution, too, was boycotted by the NLD and several other parties. After Thein Sein, a retired military officer leading the Union Solidarity and Development Party, became president in 2011, he liberally allowed reregistration of deregistered parties. When byelections to 45 vacant seats were announced in 2012, the NLD decided to contest 44 seats and won 43. In the next general election in 2015, the NLD won by a comfortable majority.

The best-case scenario for Myanmar under the present sorry circumstance is for the election to provide an honourable exit to the junta, ushering back civilian rule, as in 2012. In such a cycle of events repeating lies the future of regional stability.

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THE MANY NEW YEARS OF INDIA

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Senior journalist

REVERSE SWING

ON the last day of 2025, I found myself at a popular south Indian vegetarian eatery in New Delhi. A huge picture of the founder's guru hung on the wall near a lamp and other visuals that symbolised Shaivite devotion. As I waited for my takeaway, a colourful garland of giant balloons arrived to decorate the place. An attendant sporting sacred ash on her forehead told a colleague in Tamil: "Only now it feels like a new year."

The incident happened after a week that saw zealots disrupting Christmas celebrations across India, taunting fellow Hindus for sporting Santa caps. Such disruptions are an exception to the Indian rule of celebrating festivals—looking beyond faith. Multicultural bonhomie is reinforced by joyful social media posts like the clichéd one on Kolkata's Nahoum's bakery: "It is the only place in the world where the Hindus stand in queue to buy Christmas cakes from a Jewish bakery made by a Muslim baker."

But there is more to this than a penchant for festive fervour. There is no such thing as a single new year's day for most Indians. Apart from Hindus, we have Sikhs, Muslims, Jews, Parsis and Buddhists celebrating their own turns of the calendar.

While Christians start their era with what is the most widely accepted birth year of Jesus Christ, the Sikhs have their Nanakshahi calendar honouring Guru Nanak, on which the year starts around March 14. But then, Sikhs also have their harvest-linked Baisakhi around April 14 to mark the solar new year coinciding with the start of the Khalsa order by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699.

Bengali Hindus mark the same day as Poila Baisakh, as do most Tamilian Hindus with the start of the Chitthirai or Chaitra month. The Keralite Hindu new year often varies by a day; this year, their Vishu falls on April 15. The divergence is attributed to differing calculations on when the sun enters the zodiac sign of Aries, the day the Assamese celebrate as Bihu.

Things change from the solar to the lunar calendar in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Maharashtra. The Ugadi festival for the southern states and Gudi Padwa for Maharashtrians fall this year on March 19.

All that makes me scoff at a sticker I once saw in Delhi that questioned Hindus celebrating on January 1: "Videshi nav varsh par yeh kaisa swadeshi harsh?" (How can natives celebrate a foreign new year?) But no one really cared.

This sticker was presumably by hardliners who follow the Vikram Samvat era, marking the ascent of King Vikramaditya. Most northerners do not know about other new year days differing by region, calendar calculations and harvest seasons. But many Indians know the Vikram Samvat year, thanks to stock exchanges that mark Diwali as the new year's day with their auspicious '*mahurat*' trading.

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Indians of different faiths start their years on different days. Even among Hindus, differing traditions and astronomical calculations mean there are different days marking the turn of the calendar. The good thing is that we greet others on their auspicious days

The Samvat calendar is somewhat complicated. It calculates months on the lunar cycle but is synchronised with the solar year by adding an extra month (a job done by the leap year in the Gregorian calendar). The Vikram era starts 57 years ahead of the Gregorian calendar, which was introduced by Pope Gregory in 1582 as a new standard. It marks King Vikramaditya's victory over the Shakas (nomadic Scythian warriors of Iranian origin).

Circa 1935, the Dravidian movement added a revised new year to Tamil culture by introducing the Thiruvalluvar *aandu* (Thiruvalluvar year) commemorating the poet-philosopher's birth year calculated at 31 BC by spiritual scholar Maraimalai Adigal. Tamil Nadu officially adopted that calendar under DMK rule in 1971. However, in 2011, AIADMK Chief Minister Jayalalithaa overturned her rival's decision to celebrate the birth of the month of 'Thai' (January 15) as the Tamil new year's day and restored it to the popular mid-April day. There has been no reverse swing since.

What's laudable in this confusion of calendars is the practice of people from different faiths or regions greeting each other. I get Pongal wishes from non-Tamilians and join many in wishing Parsis on Navroz. Indian Zoroastrians mark their new year in July or August (August 16 this year) following the Shahenshahi calendar, unlike Iranian Zoroastrians who mark it with the Spring Equinox in March. Jains follow the popular mid-April new year. Muslims are aligned to the Hijra, starting in 622 AD when the Prophet Muhammad migrated with his followers from Mecca to Medina. This year, the Muslim new year starts on June 16.

Some Tamil publishers add the Muslim Hijri year to their calendars that run from January 1 in tear-away sheets that also announce a wide range of Hindu festivals and auspicious days.

Buddhism was born in what is now Bihar, but its adherents across Asia differ in their new year's day. Theravada Buddhists in Thailand, Cambodia and Myanmar mark it on the first full moon day after mid-April, while the Mahayana followers in China, Korea and Vietnam do it on the full moon day in late January or early February. Tibetans do it in February or March. Lunar calendars add their own layer of complication to cultures influenced by tradition, ethnicity and colonialism. Indian Buddhists are split between all three categories and thus have three separate calendars.

The new year is a good time to take stock of the diversity that offers Indians more opportunities to celebrate. On that note, let me wish you a happy 2026. If you missed greeting someone on January 1, do not fret. There's always a new new year's day around the corner!

(Views are personal)
(On X @madversity)

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Corrupt gatekeepers

Ref: *T'gana anti-corruption sweep* (Jan 2). Why doesn't the ruling state and central governments seem to attach the importance the problem warrants? Can't we learn from the countries that have strict measures against corruption in place? Seeing the laxity compels me to think even the gatekeeper is benefitting from the rot.
V Suresh, Chittoor

Judicial devolution

Ref: *Need to turn a forgotten key for judicial access* (Jan 2). The author's view, although welcomed, seems to be premature pragmatism. When subordinate judiciaries are criticised for flouting the cardinal principle 'bail is rule, jail is exception' and high court judges are barred from hearing criminal cases, how can one expect district courts to uphold personal liberty without empowerment by the higher courts?
Subha Praksh Kanungo, Bhubaneswar

Eloquent silence

Ref: *Unsparing mirrors of Quotidian lives* (Jan 2). What is left unsaid constitutes the most forceful statement in a dialogue. Mostly, the commonality of characters and familiarity with situations provide impetus to the storyline. The viewer feels comfortable in identifying his entity in characters.
Sachidananda Satpathy, Sambalpur

Expensive inefficiency

Ref: *Divided Houses, politics likely to continue in 2026* (Jan 2). Indian parliamentary democracy, thy name is acrimony. It needs course correction, as it takes ₹2.5 lakh to finance a minute of sitting, and more importantly, people expect decorum and etiquette.
George Jacob, Kochi

Unprofessional pilot

Ref: *Air India pilot derostered* (Jan 2). One fails to understand how a pilot with an experience of more than 15 years had to succumb to alcohol while on long-haul duty. If he was sensible and accountable with vast experience, he should have withdrawn.
Jayaprakash Reddy, Nalgonda

Taxing tobacco

Ref: *Gutkha, cigarettes to get dearer* (Jan 2). The purpose is to discourage consumption voluntarily among users rather than enhancing the State's revenue. The tobacco industry's perspective against the hike is understandable. But the government cannot have the cake and eat it too.
S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

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Ramnath Goenka believed questions must be asked and that centres of power must always be held accountable

- CP Radhakrishnan, Vice President

Goenka believed that sahitya records our history, shapes our present, and influences our future

- Manoj Kumar Sonthalia, Chairman and Managing Director of TNIE Group

We honoured those who wield the pen with integrity, courage and creativity with the RNG Sahitya Samman

- Lakshmi Menon, CEO of TNIE Group

Awards were rooted in the belief that thoughtful writing helps us better understand ourselves and the world around us

- Santwana Bhattacharya, TNIE Editor

Visible pride and quiet honour

The awardees lined up with visible pride and quiet honour to receive their citations and cash awards. Dressed in attire reflective of their cultural roots, they carried with them stories shaped by language, region and lived experience. The moment was less about individual triumph and more about collective affirmation — of voices that rise from varied landscapes, traditions and histories, and find resonance on a shared literary platform. A lighter, memorable moment briefly softened the evening's formal tenor when veteran actor Sivakumar joined the dais shortly before the Vice President's departure. The exchange was marked by easy smiles and shared laughter, drawing warm attention from the audience. Before stepping down, Sivakumar presented a copy of his book 'Paintings of Sivakumar' to the Vice President, a gesture that underscored the seamless meeting of cinema, visual art and public life that the evening quietly celebrated.

Chairman and MD of The New Indian Express Group Manoj Kumar Sonthalia addressing the event in Chennai on Friday | P RAVIKUMAR

'LITERATURE REMAINS DEEP & ENDURING RESERVOIR OF HUMAN EXPERIENCE'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE third edition of the Ramnath Goenka Sahitya Samman was held on a solemn and celebratory note, reaffirming the enduring role of literature in shaping public thought and cultural discourse. The event, hosted by the The New Indian Express Group, brought together writers, poets, intellectuals and members of the literary community from across the country.

Addressing the gathering, Manoj Kumar Sonthalia, Chairman and Managing Director of The New Indian Express Group, said the award was a tribute to writers who wield the pen with courage, imagination and integrity. He recalled the legacy of the group's founder Ramnath Goenka, describing him as a steadfast believer in the power of the printed word, "not merely as a carrier of news, but as an engine of ideas, an instrument of change, and a custodian of culture".

"For Ramnath Goenka, sahitya — literature — was the soul of a nation," Sonthalia said. He added that the Sahitya Samman was an endeavour to carry forward this legacy by recognising those "who wield the pen with imagination, integrity, and courage".

The ceremony was graced by CP Radhakrishnan, Vice President of India, as the chief guest. Sonthalia said the VP's presence lent significance to the occasion and "reinforces the vital role literature plays in the strengthening of our democracy and public discourse."

Describing the evening as a celebration of writers, Sonthalia paid tribute to the nominees and awardees, calling them the "chroniclers and conscience-keepers of our society". "Through your work, you question, you illuminate, and you inspire," he said, adding that writers gift society stories that move people and narratives that compel reflection and action.

In an age dominated by fleeting social media content, Sonthalia said, "Literature remains a deep and enduring reservoir of human experience." The Samman, he added, was not merely an award but an expression of gratitude to writers for their dedication, discipline and perseverance in enriching the public sphere through the written word.

Concluding the event, Chief Executive Officer, *TNIE* Group, Lakshmi Menon, said, " We honoured those who wield the pen with integrity, courage and creativity with the RNG Sahitya Samman, instituted in memory of our legendary founder whose life stands as a powerful testament to the written word. A power, he exercised with unwavering responsibility."

WINNERS SPEAK

Chandrashekhara Kambara
Kannada writer

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

ONE of India's most revered literary figures, Chandrashekhara Kambara was conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Ramnath Goenka Sahithya Samman. The Kannada writer, playwright, folklorist and theatre activist received a trophy and a citation carrying a cash prize of ₹2 lakh. The occasion also marked Kambara's 89th birthday, which he celebrated by cutting a cake in the presence of TNIE Editor Santwana Bhattacharya and his elder daughter, Dr Jayashree C Kambara. His body of work, primarily in Kannada, draws from folklore, performance traditions and cultural memory. It has enriched literature and continues to inspire readers. His works have shared the collective cultural imagination of the nation.

Subi Taba
Tales from the Dawn-Lit Mountains

BEST FICTION

WITH a note of gratitude for jury members for seeing my book and selecting it as a winner of Best Fiction especially in the year which had formidable shortlisted books like Banu Mushtaq's Booker Prize winner, *Heart Lamp*, and Vikas Swarup's *The Girl With the Seven Lives*. I feel truly honoured to receive this award, and I am affirmed that stories from the farthest places in the map also belong to the centre of the literary world. The book is a souvenir of my life, growing up as a young girl in the mountain village of Arunachal Pradesh, and these are the stories that will be told if my mountains could speak. I want to thank *TNIE* for giving me this honour of a lifetime to be associated with the legacy of Ramnath Goenka in celebrating the power of words.

Sudeep Chakravarthi
Fallen City: A Double Murder, Political Insanity, and Delhi's Descent from Grace

BEST NON-FICTION

AS a journalist, it is really special to me to receive an award with Ramnathji's name. As a historian and writer of books, it is very special to be in Chennai, a city that loves literature. When I published my first book of narrative non-fiction about 17 years ago, there were not many of us. Today, I am part of a group, a tribe of writers, who have adopted narrative non-fiction as a way to and need to tell urgent stories, brave stories, and necessary stories as a mantra. History, politics, science, biographies, place and people, all come alive today as narrative non-fiction. We can call it a battleground of ideas, or we can call it, a battle for the future, there is no better time to be a writer. Like my fellow nominees, I am delighted to be here at this place in history and time in history.

Neha Dixit
The Many Lives of Syeda X: The Story of an Unknown Indian

BEST DEBUT

TO write this book, three people are important. One is my publisher Chiki Sarkar from Juggernaut Books, editor Parth Mehrotra, and my co-writer Mirchi, my cat who was my supervisor while I was writing my book. At a time when media is dominated by corporate political nexus, which repeatedly invisiblises the existence of Indian workers, and fails to discuss the annihilation of important employement programmes, and the impact of new labour policies, or the lack of it, I hope this award will help in putting the lives of workers like Syeda, at the forefront, who after decades of working don't manage to make the minimum wage. I also hope that India never forgets the diversity of its voices and the labour of its people across communities, religions, and regions.

HOW THE WINNERS WERE PICKED

Santwana Bhattacharya, editor of The New Indian Express, spoke about the philosophy behind the awards and the methodical process adopted to ensure literary merit and fairness. Describing the Sahitya Samman as an occasion that celebrates "writing, ideas and that enduring pleasure of reading", she said the awards were rooted in the belief that "thoughtful writing enriches public life and helps us better understand ourselves and the world around us". Bhattacharya said the exercise began with a long list of 22 books across four categories. These titles were shortlisted through an internal review by her and consulting editor, Ravi Shankar, following which the titles were evaluated by an external jury chaired by author and former ambassador of India to Bhutan Pavan K Varma, with writer-economist Sanjeev Sanyal and author Githa Hariharan as members. The jury, she said, read and deliberated on three to four books in each category before arriving at the final selections.

DISTINGUISHED GATHERING

(Clockwise from top) Dignitaries at the Ramnath Goenka Sahitya Samman event; veteran actor Sivakumar poses for a picture with journalist Maalan and industrialist Gem Veeramani; singer Unnikrishnan with former MOP College for Women principal Lalitha Balakrishnan; TMC chief GK Vasan with former Congress leader Jayanthi Natarajan | P RAVIKUMAR/MARTIN LOUIS

V-P HAILS GOENKA'S POWER OF SILENCE

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"HE remains the conscience-keeper of Indian democracy," he said. "He believed ideas must circulate freely, questions must be asked — and more importantly, answered — and that centres of power must always be held accountable," the V-P added. Radhakrishnan said the power of writing and stirring speeches is widely acknowledged and took the names of DMK leaders C N Annadurai and M Karunanidhi as great speakers. "Ramnath Goenka demonstrated the power of silence - that is his greatness - by printing a blank editorial during Emergency," he said.

He said literary events such as RNGSS reaffirm the central role of literature and journalism in shaping a reflective and responsible nation. Stating that respect for plurality, debate and free expression is deeply embodied in India's civilisational DNA, he said that from the days of the Vedas and the Upanishads to the great epics and from bhakti to Sufi poetry to modern literature, our intellectual heritage has always encouraged dialogue, dissent and diversity of thought.

Stating that freedom of expression, the cornerstone of democracy, flourishes best when exercised with responsibility, empathy and commitment to the larger public good, he said opposition should be aimed at constructive change and societal betterment. He also lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for placing India's cultural, linguistic and intellectual heritage at the centre of national discourse, with renewed emphasis on Indian languages, literature and traditions alongside innovation and global engagement. "The conferrement of classical languages to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali reflects this commitment," he said.

Congratulating the awardees, he said that their writings will continue to inspire the readers, particularly the younger generation to think deeply, act responsibly and engage creatively.

Where voices from far and near converge to reflect on life experiences that can change public sphere

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

THE Ballroom at Taj Coromandel was packed on the evening of January 2 as the third edition of the Ramnath Goenka Sahitya Samman unfolded in a setting marked by restraint, gravitas and institutional elegance.

The ceremony brought together voices from literature, politics, journalism, entertainment and public life, creating an atmosphere that was reflective rather than celebratory, and firmly anchored in the values the awards seek to uphold.

The tightly curated nature of the event mirrored the seriousness of that journey, with the focus firmly on ideas, reading and intellectual engagement. The dais featured the Vice President C P Radhakrishnan, *TNIE* Group Chairman and Managing Director Manoj Kumar Sonthalia, CEO Lakshmi Menon, Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla, *TNIE* Editor Santwana Bhattacharya, Kalpana Sonthalia and Dinamani Editor K Vaidiyanathan. Tamil Nadu ministers PTR Palanivel Thiaga Rajan and Ma Subramanian were also present on the dais, lending the evening political and civic weight.

The audience reflected the breadth of the gathering with DMK MP Thamizhachi Thangapandian, Apollo Hospitals Executive Vice Chairperson Preetha Reddy, industrialist Nalli Kuppuswamy Chetti, former HC judge Prabha Sridevan, composer and environmentalist Ricky Kej and Anil Srinivasan, playwright Gowri Ramnarayan, singer P Uniikrishnan, Mohan Rajan of Rajan Eye Care, veteran actor Sivakumar, BJP members and actors Kasthuri Shankar, Gautami, CPM leader TK Rangarajan, MP GK Vasan, former MP Jayanthi Natarajan, senior government officials Vikram Kapur, Supriya Sahu, G Prakash, and members of the *TNIE* fraternity in attendance.

And the evening concluded on a note of affirmation that books and ideas presenting the unspoken and lesser-spoken life experiences have the enduring forces in changing the public sphere.

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CENT PERCENT

Rajasthan's Kota Rural Police disposed of nearly 100% of the complaints it recorded electronically in 2025, logging the highest disposal efficiency among the police units in the state.

2 MEN ASSAULTED IN LUDHIANA FOR REFUSING SEXUAL ADVANCES

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	27	15	Mumbai	29	24
Bhopal	23	09	Panaji	31	20
Jaipur	19	08	Patna	17	11
Amritsar	17	06	Lucknow	17	09
Chennai	28	24	Port Blair	29	27
Kolkata	23	15	Imphal	19	07
Srinagar	06	-3	Chandigarh	16	06

Army seeks Israeli rockets urgently

The force signs contract with local firm for buying Elbit rocket system under emergency clause

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Indian Army has signed a contract with indigenous defence manufacturer Nibe to procure equipment and ammunition for its Universal Rocket Launcher Systems. This move is part of the Army's long-term plan to strengthen its deep and quick strike capabilities.

Sources confirmed that the order is for the Israel-manufactured Puls (Precise & Universal Launching System), produced by Elbit Systems. "The procurement is being done under the Emergency Procurement (EP) route," the source added. The order will be executed and delivered in tranches within 12 months.

In a letter to the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange on Thursday, Nibe said, "the Company has entered into Supply Contract with Indian Army, Ministry of Defence, for Manufacturing and Supply of Ground Equipment, Accessories, ESP and Ammunition for Universal Rocket Launcher System capable of integrating multiple rocket types including rockets striking at long ranges of 150 km and 300 km for a total consideration of ₹292.69 crore (inclusive of all taxes and duties)."

Nibe describes itself as "a defence manufacturing firm creating a range of critical systems and components to strengthen India's self-reliance in defence production."

The Emergency Procurement provision was introduced after the May 2020 standoff with the Chinese PLA. It allows authorities to act swiftly in cases of urgent military necessity, including situations linked to war, war-like conditions, natural calamities, and other emergencies. Its main aim is to fast-track the procurement or repair of equipment, items, and services essential for operational readiness. The Competent Financial Authority for Emergency Procurement (Capital) up to ₹300 crore is vested in the Vice Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

The Nibe order is part of the Army's broader plan to strengthen its rocket forces. In June 2025, The New Indian Express reported on the raising of two new regiments of the Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launchers. "Adding to its deep and quick strike capability, the Indian Army is set to raise two more regiments of the Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher (MBRL) system in the coming months. The Army is also expected to receive the equipment for two additional regiments by the end of this year. Currently, six Pinaka regiments are already operational along the northern border with China and the western border with Pakistan."

In artillery terms, a "unit" is also called a regiment, each containing three batteries with six Pinaka launchers per battery. The Rocket Force will be part of the Regiment of Artillery, one of the oldest arms of the Army, raised on September 28, 1827. It is the second-largest arm after the infantry and is often called the 'God of War' because of its deep, widespread, and devastating firepower capable of blunting enemy strength.

EDGE IN THE AIR

Indigenous defence manufacturer Nibe given arms procurement contract

Israel manufactured Puls (Precise & Universal Launching System), manufactured by Elbit Systems to be procured

Procurement being done via Emergency Procurement route

ORDER TO BE EXECUTED & DELIVERED WITHIN 12 MONTHS

₹292.69 CRORE TOTAL CONSIDERATION

Stuck amid unrest in Iran, medical students face anxiety, seek govt help

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

MORE than 3,000 Indian students pursuing higher education in Iran, most of them medical students, are facing mounting anxiety as the Islamic Republic is rocked by widespread protests triggered by soaring inflation and economic distress. The unrest, now in its sixth day, has claimed at least six lives and prompted appeals to the Indian government to urgently step in to ensure students' safety.

Fars news agency and human rights group Hengaw reported that two people were killed in Lordegan in south-western Iran, while three deaths were reported in Azna and another in Kouhdasht, all in western Iran.

The deteriorating situation has deeply worried families in India, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir, from where a large number of students study medicine in Iran. The Foreign Medical Students Wing of the All India Medical Students Association (AIMSA) has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, urging immediate action. Iran has 13 medical colleges, six of them in Tehran, where Indian students form a significant presence.

The Indian Embassy here (in Tehran) has asked us to stay put in our dormitories and we have been doing that for a few days

Ahnaf Ishaq, 3rd-year MBBS student in Tehran

Ahnaf Ishaq, a third-year MBBS student at Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences in Tehran, said: "Nearly 70% of the students are from Kashmir as the Persian language spoken in Iran can be easily understood by us. We can communicate easily with the local population in hospitals." He added: "The Indian Embassy here has asked us to stay put in our dormitories and we have been doing that for a few days. Of course, there is much uncertainty around. Our exams have been postponed and classes cancelled."

Mir Mehraj, a final-year MBBS student at Isfahan University of Medical Sciences, described the tense atmosphere. "I have seen vehicles and people with guns on the streets and the city falls silent after sunset. Banks, academic institutions etc have been shut," she said and added that students are reassuring families back home despite growing fears about the coming week, when they have been asked to report for hospital duties.

The AIMSA appealed to the government to "strengthen coordination with the Indian Embassy, establish dedicated emergency helplines, issue timely advisories and prepare contingency or evacuation plans if required." The association said that Indian students are spread across universities in Iran and are heavily dependent on local infrastructure, and hospitals.

US lawmakers come out in support of 'UK', BJP sees external interference

HARPREET BAJWA @ New Delhi

EIGHT United States lawmakers have written to Indian Ambassador to the US Vinay Mohan Kwatra seeking bail for student leader Umar Khalid, accused in the larger conspiracy case linked to the February 2020 north east Delhi riots, and urging the Indian government to ensure him a fair trial in line with international law.

Sharing the letter, Congressman Jim McGovern, Co-chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, said on X, "Earlier this month, I met with the parents of Umar Khalid, who has been jailed in India for over 5 years without trial. Representative Raskin and I are leading our colleagues to urge that he be granted bail and a fair, timely trial in accordance with international law."

Those who signed the letter include Democrat Jamie Raskin, Indian-origin Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, US Representatives Jan Schakowsky, Lloyd Doggett, Rashida Tlaib, and US Senators Chris Van Hollen and Peter Welch.

The letter is "regarding the prolonged pre-trial detention of individuals charged in connection with the February 2020 violence in Delhi, including student activist and scholar Umar Khalid".

Meanwhile, an unverified handwritten note by New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani also surfaced online.

The BJP accused Mamdani of interference. BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said that the country will not tolerate if anybody interferes in India's internal matters.

Mamdani pens note in support of Khalid

An unverified handwritten note by New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani read, "Dear Umar, I think of your words on bitterness often, and the importance of not letting it consume oneself. It was a pleasure to meet your parents. We are all thinking of you."

Rural areas lead in SIR, cities prefer office work

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

AN urban-rural divide is being observed in the distribution and collection of enumeration forms, as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls being conducted in 12 states and UTs.

Sources in the Election Commission of India (ECI) said, the collection of enumeration forms from electors in urban areas was 'much less' as compared to rural areas as per the trends available so far. They said the most likely reason for electors not returning filled up enumeration forms is that electors are not available at home due to work or professional commitments. Constant migration was seen as another reason behind the lower form collection, they added.

In rural areas, the enumeration form collection by Booth-Level Officers (BLOs) was much higher as compared to urban areas, as Lucknow, Kanpur and Noida were among the cities that saw "much less" form collection, the sources said, quoting available trends from states where the SIR exercise is in progress.

They said a similar trend was seen in cities during the SIR exercise in Bihar last year, as Patna had recorded the lowest number.

The phase II of SIR began in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal on November 4. Except for Uttar Pradesh, draft electoral rolls have been published in all other states and UTs.

In Assam, a separate 'special revision' of electoral rolls is also in progress.

The last SIR conducted in states has been fixed as the cut-off date, like in the case of Bihar, where the 2003 voter list was used by the EC for intensive revision. Most states had the last SIR of the voter list between 2002 and 2004, and they have nearly completed the mapping of current electors according to the last SIR held in their respective states.

The primary aim of the SIR is to weed out ineligible voters by checking their place of birth. The move assumes significance in the wake of a crackdown in various states on illegal migrants, including those from Bangladesh and Myanmar.

- Collection of enumeration forms in urban areas 'much less' than rural areas
- Possible reasons: unavailability of electors at home, constant migration
- Form collection by Booth-Level Officers much higher in rural areas
- Lucknow, Kanpur and Noida among cities with lesser collection

SIMILAR TREND WAS SEEN IN CITIES DURING THE SIR EXERCISE IN BIHAR LAST YEAR, AS PATNA HAD RECORDED THE LOWEST NUMBER

BJP, VHP not controlled by RSS: Bhagwat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Friday that organisations like the BJP, VHP or the Vidya Bharti work independently and not controlled by the Sangh.

"RSS develops Swayamsevaks by ingraining in them values and thoughts to work for Bharat's 'param vaibhav' (absolute glory). But those Swayamsevaks aren't remotely controlled by the Sangh. BJP, VHP, or Vidya Bharti being run by our Swayamsevaks function with an independent identity and as per their Constitution.

But their vision of working for India's absolute glory is common," Bhagwat said, while addressing a gathering of prominent citizens in Bhopal.

"They make their own decisions and work with people, including non-Swayamsevaks. When we told this to people 40 years back, they mocked us saying we were indulging in a game of words, but now people have started realising what we actually meant to say," he said.

Bhagwat said no parallels can be drawn between the RSS and any other organisation as its functioning is unique. "Because we perform 'path sanchalan' and perform tasks with lathis, RSS should not be mistaken as a paramilitary force. Both Sangh's supporters and opponents have spread many false narratives about the RSS," he said.

Uma Bharti takes on BJP over MP deaths

ANURAAG SINGH AND PREETHA NAIR @ Bhopal/New Delhi

POLITICAL pressure mounted on the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh over Indore water contamination that has claimed at least 10 lives and left over a 100 hospitalised. BJP leader Uma Bharti and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi were scathing in their criticism of the Mohan Yadav government.

As damage control, Chief Minister Yadav on Friday ordered the transfer of Indore municipal commissioner and suspension of additional municipal commissioner and corporation in-charge superintending engineer.

This comes two days after the IMC zonal officer and assistant engineer were suspended and services of the in-charge sub engineer were terminated.

Family members of a person who died after consumption of 'contaminated water' in Bhagirathpura | PTI

In a series of posts on X, Uma Bharti, a former CM, called the Indore deaths a "grave sin" that had "shamed and tarnished our state, our government, and our entire system" and demanded "maximum punishment for those responsible from the bottom to the top." She said, "In a city that received the award for being the cleanest city, such ugliness, filth, poisoned water that has swallowed and continues to swallow so many lives—the death toll is rising." She added, "This is the hour of testing for Mohan Yadav ji... Not just the Mayor of Indore... all those responsible for this grave sin stand in the dock of crime against the people."

Terming the incident as a failure of governance of the double-engine government, Rahul said access to clean water is a right to life. "In Indore, there was no water—just poison being distributed, while the administration slumbered like Kumbhakarna. Mourning has spread from home to home, the poor are helpless—and to top it off, arrogant statements from BJP leaders...," Gandhi wrote on X.

Indore civic body chief transferred amid outrage

CM Mohan Yadav on Friday ordered the transfer of Indore municipal commissioner and suspension of additional municipal commissioner and corporation in-charge superintending engineer. This comes two days after the IMC zonal officer and assistant engineer were suspended and services of the in-charge sub engineer were terminated. BJP leader Uma Bharti and Lok Sabha LoP Rahul Gandhi have been scathing in their criticism of the Mohan Yadav government over the Indore water contamination, which has claimed at least 10 lives so far.

GUJARAT IAS OFFICER HELD IN ₹10-CR SCAM

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested IAS officer Rajendrakumar Patel, a former collector of Gujarat's Surendranagar district, for his alleged central role in a ₹10-crore land conversion scam where bribes were fixed per square metre, routed through officials, and accounted for in handwritten sheets and digital files.

A senior police official said, "The ED has arrested Patel in connection with a bribery-linked money laundering probe." The arrest comes a week after Patel was transferred without a posting.

The case traces its origin to the arrest of deputy mamlatdar Chandrasinh Bhupatsinh Mori, a revenue officer entrusted with change of land use (CLU) approvals at Surendranagar collector's office. According to the ED, Mori abused his authority by demanding bribes for speedy CLU approvals, with rates calculated per square metre of land. During a December 23 raid at Mori's residence, investigators recovered ₹67.5 lakh in cash hidden inside a bed, a discovery that cracked the case.

In his recorded statement, Mori admitted that the cash was bribe money and revealed a sharing formula. "Fifty per cent of the bribe went to the district collector," he told investigators.

Assam tribal body rejects govt bid to make ST list additions

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE Coordination Committee of Tribal Organisations of Assam (CCTOA) has rejected the recommendation of the Group of Ministers (GoM) to grant the ST status to six communities, namely the Tai Ahom, Chutia, Moran, Matak, Koch-Rajbongshi and the Tea tribes.

The CCTOA, a grouping of 14 tribal organisations, has argued that under the Constitution of India, the SCs and the STs are two separate groups. While the SCs are identified based on their status in the Hindu caste system, the STs are identified based on tribal characteristics—indications of primitive traits, distinctive culture, geographical isolation, shyness of contact with the community at large and backwardness for the community.

"In 1993, the state government had recommended these six communities as 'other backward classes,' and the National Commission for Backward Classes had notified them as 'other backward castes.' Once they are identified as SCs, they cannot be reclassified as STs," the CCTOA argued.

Kashmir's higher reaches out of bounds for tourists

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AMID heightened security concerns, authorities have imposed a two-month ban on trekking, hiking, camping, and outdoor activities in the high-altitude and forest areas of Margan Top, Chauhar Nag, and Sinthan Top in south Kashmir, days after similar restrictions were imposed in Tangmarg in north Kashmir. The decision was taken after receiving security inputs from the police. An order issued by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate Kulgam said that concerns were raised about forested areas under the Sub-Division Kokernag.

"In recent incidents, certain persons have attempted to cross police naka/check-points during late-night hours, thereby raising serious concerns relating to public safety. The unrestricted movement and activities like trekking, camping, hiking, and other outdoor pursuits in areas of Morgan Top, Chauhar Nag, and Sinthan Top are likely to adversely affect public safety and security," the order stated.

Move amid winter ops

These steps come as security forces continue a major winter operation in the upper reaches and dense forests to track militants using natural caves. Meanwhile, the Tourism Department has sought verification details from Valley guide licence holders in Gulmarg.

Invoking powers under Section 163 of the BNSS, 2023, the SDM ordered an immediate ban on all such activities. The restrictions will remain in force for two months, and any violation will invite action.

Margan Top, Chauhar Nag, and Sinthan Top are known as off-beat tourist destinations. Sinthan Top had emerged as a popular winter tourism spot last year after Gulmarg and Sonamarg witnessed low snowfall. Earlier this week, police issued a public safety advisory restricting trekking in the upper forest areas of Tangmarg. Residents were asked to inform police before entering due to security measures.

Police appealed for cooperation, saying the measures aim to ensure safety and avoid misinterpretation. These steps come as security forces continue a major winter operation in the upper reaches and dense forests to track militants using natural caves. Meanwhile, the Tourism Department has sought verification details from Valley guide licence holders in Gulmarg to update records.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that our client intends to purchase the property described in the Schedule hereunder from its lawful owner **M/s. FDC LIMITED**, having its office at No. 46/2, 4th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru – 560003, who is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property.

Any person or persons other than the Vendor having any claim or interest in or to the Schedule Property, or any part thereof in any manner is/are required to forward their claim on or to the property to the undersigned at their office along with the relevant documents thereof, within Ten days from the date of publication of this notice in this newspaper. In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made it shall be deemed to have been waived and our client will proceed with the transaction without any further reference in this regard.

SCHEDULE

Industrial property bearing **Shed No.A-7 in Plot No.493 of 'Peenya III Stage, IV Phase, Industrial Estate'**, presently situated at **1st Cross, 10th Main Road, Peenya Industrial Area III Stage, IV Phase**, Bengaluru BBMP Ward No.41 of Peenya Industrial Area, measuring East to West : 16.15 meters and North to South : 56.80 meters, together with the factory shed / structure, **having a total built-up area of 545.8 Square meters or 5875 Square feet** and bound as follows :

East : Service Road; West : Shed bearing No. A-8;
North : 'A' Main Road; South : Shed No. B-41.

HJK LAW PARTNERS, Advocates
No.1038, 1st Floor, Dr. Rajkumar Road
Rajajinagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560 010 L: 080 23151715;
M : 9845364814 / 8310960526. Email: rekha@hjklawpartners.com
Place: Bengaluru, Date : 03.01.2026

Can Fin Homes Ltd
586, 2nd Floor, 80ft Rd, 8th Block,
Near Police Station, Opp. Bethany School
Koramangala, Bangalore-560095
koramangala@canfinhomes.com
Tel: 080-41112879/41115689, 7625079457/131
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

KORAMANGALA BRANCH

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)"

To,

1. **Mrs. ASHA JYOTHI K** (Borrower) W/o. Sri. Janardhanam Kattamanchi, Address: No.80, 6th Cross, 2nd Main, Widia Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560040.
2. **Mr. Puneeth Kattamanchi** (Guarantor), S/o. Sri. Janardhanam Kattamanchi, No.80, 6th Cross, 2nd Main, Widia Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560040
3. **Authorised Person M/S. SLV Constructions, (Guarantor),** No.702, Basement Floor, 11th Main, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041.

No. 1 amongst you have availed a housing loans from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset belonging to No.01 An amount of **Rs.12,64,644/-** (Twelve Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty Four Rupees Only) is due from you, to Can Fin Homes Ltd. as on 01.01.2026 together with future interest at the contracted rate.

DETAILS OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY:

SCHEDULE A:- All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing converted Sy.No.92, converted vide order bearing No.ALN.SR(S)248/2007-08, Dated:19/11/2008, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore, BBMP Khatha Municiple No.3641/92, ward No.188, situated at Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under the Administrative Judristricton of BBMP, measuring about 23,325 Sq. Ft, with all right, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the, East by : Land bearing Sy No.95 and 84 West by : Land bearing Sy. No.87 and 91,North by: Private Property South by: Road

SCHEDULE B:- Flat bearing No.208 in the 2nd Floor of the Apartment known as "SLV NAKSHATRA" having super built up area of 1514 Sq.Ft. containing Three bed rooms, along with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, staircase etc., together with 469 Sq.Ft., undivided share of the land comprised in Schedule "A" property.

SCHEDULE C:- Description of Apartment, a.Apartment Type : 3 BHK, b.Apartment No.: 208, c.Floor:Second, d. Block :----, e.Tower :Nil, f.Super Built up Area: 1514 Sq.Ft, g.Car Parking :One Covered Car Parking h. Building Name "SLV Nakshatra" , i.Consideration Amount : Rs.55,00,000/-

Registered demand notice was sent to No. 1 amongst you under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, but the same was returned unserved. The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrower/s as per the said Act. Hence this paper publication. As you have failed to adhere to the terms of the sanction, the account is classified as a Non Performing Asset on **29.12.2025** as per the NHB Guidelines. You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon from **01.01.2026** within 60days from the date of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESIAct to enforce the aforesaidsecurity. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Sd/-
Place: Bangalore, Date : 02.01.2026
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Limited

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	45349440000060	1) Mr. Jayarama H, Also at: M/s. Jayarama Poultry Farm, 2) Mrs. Radha J	22.10.2025 Rs.35,28,582.82 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Two and Eighty Two Paisa Only) due as on 21-10-2025	Date: 29.12.2025 Time: 05:49 PM Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: Item No.1: All that part and parcel of the property bearing Site No.01, Assessment No.11, Present Katha No.11/4/8, Katha No.5, situated at Gangondanahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 62+30/2 feet and North to South 51+39/2 feet, totally measuring 2070 Sq.feet and **Bounded as follows: East by:** Road, **West by:** House Property belonging to Sri Honnasiddaiah, **North by:** Property belonging to Sri Manjunath & **South by:** Remaining Portion of the same property. **Item No.2:** All that part and parcel of the property bearing Site No.02, Assessment No.11, Present Katha No.11/4/8, Katha No.5, situated at Gangondanahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 30+26/2 feet and North to South 16 feet, totally measuring 448 Sq.feet and **Bounded as follows: East by:** Road, **West by:** House Property belonging to Sri Honnasiddaiah, **North by:** Site No.01 belonging Sri Jayarama H & **South by:** Road.			
2	33649630000343	1) Mr. Veeresh, 2) Mrs. Asha V	27.10.2025 Rs.3,93,056.90 (Rupees Three Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Fifty Six and Ninety Paisa Only) due as on 21-10-2025	Date: 30.12.2025 Time: 02:50 PM Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel for Property.No.199, Sl, No.763, measuring 412 Sq.feet, situated at Hullalu Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore and **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Halappa's Property, **North by:** Fathima's Property, **South by:** Hasina's Property.			
3	45349420000682 45349430000923 & 45349410000640	1) Mr. Nagaraj G, Also at: Sri Lakshmi Jewellery Works (Manufactures), 2) Mrs. Yuvarani N	27.10.2025 Rs.22,14,365.00 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Five Only) due as on 21-10-2025	Date: 30.12.2025 Time: 03:40 PM Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.20 Khatha No.30/2 All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.20 Khatha No.19/A Khatha No.30/2 aituated at K.Gollahalli/ Kengeri Gollahalli (H.Gollahalli), Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Presently comes under the limits of H.Gollahalli Gram Panchayath **Site No.19/A:** Measuring East to West (41.9+41.6)/2 ft and North to South (10+10)/2 ft in all measuring 417.50 Sq.ft. **East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Site No.21 belongs to Yuvarani, **South by:** Site No.19 A. **Site No.20:** Measuring East to West (44+41.9)/2 ft and North to South (28.6+28.6)/2 ft in all measuring 1228.50 Sq.ft. **East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Site No.20 Sold today Yuvarani, **South by:** Property belongs to Krishnappa.			

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 03.01.2026
Sd/- Authorised Officer,
For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ

ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಆನೇಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು,
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ಸಂ:ಹೆ.ನ.ಸ/ತಾಂ.ತಾ/ಟೆ.ನೋ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್/21/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01.01.2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಮರುಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಗರಸಭಾ ನಿಧಿ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ **7 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ** ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ನಿಯಮ 1999 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ 2000 ರನ್ವಯ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ / ಸೇವಾದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ **ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ. 1 ರಿಂದ 5 ರವರೆಗಿನ ಮರುಟೆಂಡರ್/ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:03.01.2026 ರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:17.01.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಮರುಟೆಂಡರ್/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.01.2026 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಹಾಗೂ **ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ. 6 ಮತ್ತು 7 ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 1000.00 ಗಳನ್ನು ಪಾವತಿಸಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.01.2026** ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.01.2026** ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಸೂಚನಾ ಫಲಕದಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು. ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿರುವ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ **ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.23.60 ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಮೊತ್ತ: 96.85** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT53368, DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT53369, DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT53370, DMA/2025-26/IND5769 DMA/2025-26/SE5098/CALL-2

ಸಹಿ/– ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಸುಜಾತ ಹರೀಶ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ.
ಸಹಿ/– ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಸುಜಾತ ಕೆ.ಪಿ. ರಾಜು ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ.
ಸಹಿ/– ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ ಜಯರಾಮ್ ಸ್ಥಾಯಿ ಸಮಿತಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ.
ಸಹಿ/– ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಬಿ.ಎಲ್, ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಾಪ್ರ/ಜೆಪಿ/4814/2025–26

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: 908/BGKT/SE(E)/AEE(W)/Tr(Pr)/2025-26/4100-09 Date: 02.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites Tender for the following Works.

Bid Enquiry No: (1) KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3094 for providing Land Area fencing to the proposed 110/11kV S/S Sarawad of KPTCL. **(2) KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3151** for providing Land Area fencing to the proposed 110/11kV S/S Hebbalatti (Arjunagi) of KPTCL. **(3) KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3157** for providing Land Area fencing to the proposed 110/11kV S/S Masuti of KPTCL. **(4) KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3158** for providing Land Area fencing to the proposed 110/11kV S/S Jalawad (Manur) of KPTCL. **(5) KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3160** for providing Land Area fencing to the proposed 110/11kV S/S Wadawadagi of KPTCL. **(6) KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3164** for providing Land Area fencing to the proposed 110/11kV S/S Jammaladinni (Devar-Hulagabal) of KPTCL. The tender will be received through "KPP Portal" only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after Date. **03.01.2026, 5.30 pm.** Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Transmission (Projects)
Circle, KPTCL, Near Sector No. 45, Navanagar, Bagalakote-587103.

KARNATAKA SLUM DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Office of the Executive Engineer, No.2 Division, Mysuru.
Near Highway Circle, Java Factory Road, Mysuru-570001.
Ph.: 0821-2410999, E-mail: ksdb_mys2@yahoo.com

No: KSDB/EE/Mys-Div-2/IFT-2/2025-26/ 432 Date: 02.01.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-2)
(E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

On behalf of the Commissioner, KSDB, The Executive Engineer, No. 2 Division, Mysore invites tender from eligible Tenderers for "**Repair Work of UGD Lines and Dewatering of Dewats at Eklavayanagara 1040 Dus Jnnurm Layout in Mysuru District**" Tender notification, schedule, specification are available in the website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

1	Date & Time for Pre Bid Meeting	13.01.2026 at 11.00 hours
2	Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications	14.01.2026 Up to 16.00 hours
3	Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders	15.01.2026 Up to 16.00 hours
4	Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid	19.01.2026 at 11.00 hours

DIPR/CP/4792/SSC/2025-26
Sd/- Executive Engineer
KSDB, No.2 Division, Mysore

BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION

Office of ACF, Forest Department, 21st Floor,
PU Building, MG Road, Bengaluru-01.

No: ACF/BCCC/TENDER/PR/241/2025-26 Date: 01.01.2026

Short Time Tender Notification - Call-2
(Only Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

The Assistant Conservator of Forests, BCCC, Bangalore on behalf of the Commissioner, BCCC invites tender two cover systems from Vendors registered detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for given in the table through KPPP portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**.

Time Schedule

Following are the Events of Bid process:	Name of Tender works
1	Short term re-tender for the suppy of Circular shaped metal tree guards in Bengaluru Central city corporation. **Rs in Lakhs: 15.00.** Tender Number Reference: **BCCC/2025-26/IND0001/CALL-2**
2	Short term reqest for proposal for providing Crane services on hire basis in Gandhinagar zone of Bengaluru Central city corporation on out sourced basis. **Rs in Lakhs: 9.50.** Tender Number Reference: **BCCC/2025-26/SE003/Call-2**
3	Short term reqest for proposal for providing Crane service on hire basis in C.V.Ramannagar zone of Bengaluru Central city corporation on out sourced basis. **Rs in Lakhs: 5.40.** Tender Number Reference: **BCCC/2025-26/IND0001//Call-2**

Tender Processing fee and EMD should be made in e-procurement **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal only using any of the following four modes of e-payment.

Sd/-
Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Bengaluru Central City Corporation.

Government of India
Department of Space
ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC)
Mahendragiri P.O., Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu– 627 133, India
Telephone: 04637–281803 / 4061 / 1672; Fax: 04637–281681.

E-TENDER NOTICE

Dated : 30-12-2025

On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tenders are invited through **e-tendering** for the following works:

Sl. No.	Name of Works [Electrical Work - Sl.no: 01 & 02 : Air Conditioning Work - Sl.no: 03]	Estimated Cost ₹ (in Lakhs)	Period of completion	EMD(₹)
1	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-147/MW/ELE-10/2025-26			
	Electrical works for Administrative Block/Transit Accommodation, Entrance Block and Yard Hydrant works at Space Science & Technology Park (SSTP), Kanyakumari.	62.69	10 (Ten months)	1,25,400
2	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-156/MW/ELE-11/2025-26			
	Providing Street lighting and facade lighting for Space Science & Technology Park (SSTP), Kanyakumari.	28.68	06 (Six months)	57,400
3	NIT no: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-150/MW/AC-06/2025-26			
	Air-conditioning works for Transit Accommodation/ Administrative Block and Entrance Block for Space Science & Technology Park (SSTP), Kanyakumari.	27.39	06 (Six months)	54,800

Dates for Online Request : From 03-01-2026 [10:00 hours] To: 16-01-2026 [2330 hours]
Due Time & Date of Submission : 22-01-2026 [1400 hours]
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MEGA E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 05.02.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is"and "As is what is" basis on 05.02.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **04.02.2026 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) M/s. Value Bazar, represented by its Partners: i) Mrs.Sreepriya Rajesh** , W/o Rajesh P K , **ii) Mr. Rajesh P K** , S/o Ponnambil Veilayi Kumaran **iii) Mrs. Lalitha Prabhakaran** ,W/o Mr. Prabhakaran M.S, **iv) Mrs. Preetha Subhash** W/o Mr. Subhash. **Addresses at :** No.109/353/244,3rd Main, Rajanna Colony, Vibhuthipura Village, K R Puram , Bangalore-560037, **(2) M/s Associate Builders, Represented by its Partners, i) Mrs. Lalitha Prabhakaran** W/o Mr. Prabhakaran M S, **ii) Mr. Rajesh P. K,** S/o Ponnambil Veilayi Kumaran, **iii) Mr. Shridharan Subhash,** S/o Subhash Addressed at No.4/4, 2nd Floor, 10th Main Road, Jeeven Bhimanagar, Bengaluru-560075 **(3) Mrs. Sreepriya Rajesh** ,W/o Rajesh P K **(4) Mr. Rajesh P K,** S/o Ponnambil Veilayi Kumaran **(5) Mrs. Lalitha Prabhakaran,** W/o Mr. Prabhakaran M.S **(6) Mrs. Preetha Subhash,** W/o Subhash **(7) Mr. Shridharan Subhash** , S/o Mr. Subhash **No. 3 to 7 are Residing at :** No.100, Shristhi, 5th Cross, Ramesh Nagar, Bengaluru-560037 **Loan A/c No.: 1) PSTL A/c No 0637001800050101 2) PSTL A/c No.0637001800050201 3) PSTL A/c No.0637001800050301**	**Rs.2,64,28,975.57 [Rupees Two Crore Sixty Four Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Five and Paisa Fifty Seven Only] [(1) Rs.1,76,79,841.82 + Interest from 11.12.2025+ Penal charges and costs + (2) Rs. 37,40,225.13 + Interest from 11.12.2025+ Penal charges and costs + (3) Rs.50,08,908.62 + Interest from 11.12.2025+ Penal charges and costs]**	02.12.2025 Constructive	**Item No 01:** All that part and parcel of residential Flat bearing No G-02, admesuring super built up area of 1030 Sq Ft with Undivided Share in Land of 277.24 Sq Ft Situated in the apartment known as "Midhila Delux" in the land bearing property Nos.5 to 9 ,14 to 24, 25A, 26 to 28, Khata Nos.866/5, 867/6, 868/7, 869/8, 870/9, 875/14, 876/15, 883, New Municipal No.866/5, Ward No.16, situated at Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelhanka, Bangalore North Taluk belonging to **M/s Associate Builders, represented by its Partners, i) Mrs. Lalitha Prabhakaran, ii) Mr. Rajesh.P.K iii) Mr. Shridharan Subash.** **Boundaries of property as per Document: East by :** Common Area, **West by :** Open to Sky, **North by :** Passage Area, **South by :** Flat No G 01.	Rs. 46,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Only)	Rs. 4,60,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)	10.00 AM to 10.15 AM	Rs. 50,000/-	Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru-Nehrunagar A/c No: 0633500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000063
				Item No.2: All that part and parcel of residential Flat bearing **No G-04,** admesuring super built up area of 1065 Sq Ft with Undivided Share in Land of 286.66 Sq Ft Situated in the apartment known as "Midhila Delux" in the land bearing property Nos.5 to 9 ,14 to 24, 25A, 26 to 28, Khata Nos.866/5, 867/6, 868/7, 869/8, 870/9, 875/14, 876/15, 883, New Municipal No.866/5, Ward No.16, situated at Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road , Yelhanka ,Bangalore North Taluk belonging to **M/s Associate Builders , represented by its Partners, i) Mrs. Lalitha Prabhakaran, ii) Mr. Rajesh .P.K iii) Mr. Shridharan Subash** **Boundaries of property as per Document: East by :** Common Area, **West by :** Open to Sky, **North by :** Passage Area, **South by :** Flat No G 01.	Rs. 47,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Only)	Rs. 4,70,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Thousand Only)	10.15 AM to 10.30 AM		
				Item No.3 : All that part and parcel of residential Flat bearing **No G-05,** admesuring super built up area of 1370 Sq Ft with Undivided Share in Land of 386.76 Sq Ft Situated in the apartment known as "Midhila Delux" in the land bearing property Nos.5 to 9,14 to 24, 25A, 26 to 28, Khata Nos.866/5, 867/6, 868/7, 869/8, 870/9, 875/14, 876/15, 883, New Municipal No.866/5, Ward No.16, situated at Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelhanka ,Bangalore North Taluk belonging to M/s Associate Builders, **represented by its Partners, i) Mrs. Lalitha Prabhakaran, ii) Mr. Rajesh .P.K iii) Mr. Shridharan Subash** **Boundaries of property as per Document: East by :** Flat No G 06, **West by :** Flat No G 04, **North by :** Common Area, **South by :** Corridor.	Rs. 61,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Only)	Rs. 6,10,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Ten Thousand Only)	10.30 AM to 10.45 AM		
				Item No.4 : All that part and parcel of residential Flat bearing No G-06, admesuring super built up area of 1125 Sq Ft with Undivided Share in Land of 302.89 Sq Ft Situated in the apartment known as "Midhila Delux" in the land bearing property Nos.5 to 9, 14 to 24, 25A, 26 to 28, Khata Nos.866/5, 867/6, 868/7, 869/8, 870/9, 875/14, 876/15, 883, New Municipal No.866/5, Ward No.16, situated at Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road , Yelhanka ,Bangalore North Taluk belonging to M/s Associate Builders, **represented by its Partners, i) Mrs. Lalitha Prabhakaran, ii) Mr. Rajesh .P.K iii) Mr. Shridharan Subash** **Boundaries of property as per Document: East by :** Passage Area, **West by :** Flat No. G 05, **North by :** Flat No. G 07, **South by :** Common Area.	Rs. 52,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Only)	Rs. 5,20,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Thousand Only)	10.45 AM to 11.00 AM		
				Item No.5 : All that part and parcel of residential Flat bearing No G-07, admesuring super built up area of 1285 Sq Ft with Undivided Share in Land of 345.88 Sq Ft Situated in the apartment known as "Midhila Delux" in the land bearing property Nos.5 to 9, 14 to 24, 25A, 26 to 28,Khata Nos.866/5, 867/6, 868/7, 869/8, 870/9, 875/14, 876/15, 883, New Municipal No.866/5, Ward No.16, situated at Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road , Yelhanka, Bangalore North Taluk belonging to M/s Associate Builders, **represented by its Partners, i) Mrs. Lalitha Prabhakaran, ii) Mr. Rajesh .P.K iii) Mr. Shridharan Subash** **Boundaries of property as per Document: East by :** Common Area, **West by :** Open to Sky, **North by :** Open to Sky, **South by :** Flat No. G 06.	Rs. 60,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Lakh Only)	Rs. 6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Only)	11.00 AM to 11.15 AM		
				Item No.6 : All that part and parcel of residential Flat bearing No G-08, admesuring super built up area of 1140 Sq Ft with Undivided Share in Land of 345.88 Sq Ft Situated in the apartment known as "Midhila Delux" in the land bearing property Nos.5 to 9 ,14 to 24 , 25A, 26 to 28, Khata Nos.866/5, 867/6, 868/7, 869/8, 870/9, 875/14, 876/15, 883,New Municipal No.866/5, Ward No.16, situated at Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelhanka, Bangalore North Taluk belonging to **M/s Associate Builders , represented by its Partners, i) Mrs. Lalitha Prabhakaran, ii) Mr. Rajesh .P.K iii) Mr. Shridharan Subash** **Boundaries of property as per Document:** **East by :** Passage Area, **West by :** Open to Sky, **North by :** Common Area, **South by :** Flat No. G 09.	Rs. 50,50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)	Rs. 5,05,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Five Thousand Only)	11.15 AM to 11.30 AM		

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8)Sub Rule (1) of Rule (9) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Regulatory and others".
The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **05.02.2026** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **04.02.2026**) from **M/s Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1 Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderbad, Telangana, India, 500016, E-mail : disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 01.01.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer,
Karnataka Bank Ltd.

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Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Trump warns of intervention if more protesters killed; keep off, says Iran

To Don's US is 'locked and loaded' threat, Tehran says any such step will destabilise region

DUBAI

US President Donald Trump and top Iranian officials exchanged dueling threats Friday as widening protests swept across parts of the Islamic Republic, further escalating tensions between the countries after America bombed Iranian nuclear sites in June last.

At least seven people have been killed so far in violence surrounding the demonstrations, which were sparked in part by the collapse of Iran's rial currency but have increasingly seen crowds chanting anti-government slogans.

The protests, now in their sixth day, have become the biggest in Iran since 2022, when the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in police custody triggered nationwide demonstrations. However, the demonstrations have not been as intense as those surrounding the death of Amini, who was detained over not wearing her hijab to the liking of authorities.

Iranians wave their national flag in Tehran, Iran, on Friday. The protests have hit 15 cities as of Friday (inset) Donald Trump and Ali Larijani| AP

Trump initially wrote on his Truth Social platform, warning Iran that if it "violently kills peaceful protesters," the United States "will come to their rescue."

"We are locked and loaded and ready to go," Trump wrote, without elaborating. Shortly after, Ali Larijani, a former parliament speaker who serves as the secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, alleged on X that Israel and the US were stoking the demonstrations. "Trump should know that intervention by the US in the domestic problem corresponds to chaos in the entire region and the destruction of the US interests," Larijani wrote on X, which the Iranian government continues to block

Larijani's remarks likely referenced America's wide military footprint in the region. Iran in June attacked Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar after the US strikes on three nuclear sites during Israel's 12-day war on the Islamic Republic. No one was injured though a missile did hit a radome there.

Ali Shamkhani, an adviser to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei who previously was the council's secretary for years, separately warned that "any interventionist hand that gets too close to the security of Iran will be cut." "The people of Iran properly know the experience of 'being rescued' by Americans: from Iraq and Afghanistan to Gaza," he added on X.

The protests, taking root in economic issues, have heard demonstrators chant against Iran's theocracy as well. *AP*

Seven dead as Saudi-led coalition strikes Yemen

MUKALLA, YEMEN

AIR strikes killed seven separatist fighters in Yemen on Friday, according to an official with the group, as a Saudi-led coalition hit back against a sweeping advance by the UAE-backed Southern Transition Council, threatening a major confrontation.

The deaths are the first from coalition fire since the secessionist STC seized swathes of Hadramawt and Mahra provinces last month.

Following the strikes, a military spokesman for the STC said it was in a "decisive and existential" war with Saudi-backed Yemeni forces, characterising it as a fight against radical Islamism -- a longtime preoccupation of the UAE.

Saudi Arabia and the UAE have for years supported rival factions in Yemen's government-run territories, but the STC's offensive has angered Riyadh and left the oil-rich Gulf powers at loggerheads.

Mohammed Abdulmalik, head of the STC in Wadi Hadramaut and Hadramaut Desert, said seven air strikes hit the Al-Khasha camp, killing seven and wounding more than 20.Further strikes targeted other sites in the same region, he added.

File photo of Southern Yemen soldiers of Southern Transitional Council at a check point, in Aden, Yemen | AP

The air raids came shortly after pro-Saudi forces launched a campaign to "peacefully" take control of military sites in Hadramawt.

"This operation is not a declaration of war, nor an attempt to escalate tensions," Hadramawt governor Salem Al-Khanbashi, also leader of the province's Saudi-backed local forces, was quoted as saying by the Saba Net news agency.

"This operation does not target any political or social group," he said. *AFP*

Maduro open to US talks on drugs, silent on CIA strike

CARACAS

VENEZUELA is open to negotiating an agreement with the United States to combat drug trafficking, the South American country's President Nicolás Maduro said in a pretaped interview aired Thursday on state television, but he declined to comment on a CIA-led strike last week at a Venezuelan docking area that the Trump administration believed was used by cartels.

Maduro, in an interview with Spanish journalist Ignacio Ramonet, reiterated that the U.S. wants to force a government change in Venezuela and gain access to its vast oil reserves through the monthslong pressure campaign that began with a massive military deployment to the Caribbean Sea in August.

"What are they seeking? It is clear that they seek to impose themselves through threats, intimidation and force," Maduro said, later adding that it is time for both nations to "start talking seriously, with data in hand."

"The U.S. government knows, because we've told many of their spokespeople, that if they want to seriously discuss an agreement to combat drug trafficking, we're ready," he said. "If they want oil, Venezuela is ready for US investment, like with Chevron, whenever they want it, wherever they want it and however they want it."

Chevron Corp. is the only major oil company exporting Venezuelan crude to the U.S. Venezuela has the world's largest proven oil reserves. The interview was taped on New Year's Eve, the same day the US military announced strikes against five alleged drug-smuggling boats, which make a total of 35 boat strikes by US. *AFP*

Sparkling flares on wine bottles ignited bar fire in Swiss ski resort

CRANS-MONTANA

SWISS investigators said Friday they believe that sparkling flares atop Champagne bottles cause the fatal fire at a ski resort when they came too close to a crowded bar's ceiling. Forty people were killed and another 119 injured in the blaze as it ripped through the busy Le Constellation bar at the resort of Crans-Montana while revellers were celebrating New Year's Eve, authorities said. Investigators are looking into whether a flashover, in which everything in a room ignites almost simultaneously, caused an explosion at the bar. Two women told French broadcaster BFMTV they were inside when they saw a male bartender lifting a female on his shoulders as she held a lit candle in a bottle. The flames spread, collapsing the wooden ceiling, they told the broadcaster. One of the women described a crowd surge as people frantically tried to escape. *AP*

U.S. CONCERN

'Chinese drills near Taiwan unnecessarily raise tension'

WASHINGTON

CHINESE war games around Taiwan "unnecessarily" spiked tensions in the region, the US State Department said early on Friday, calling on Beijing to "cease its military pressure."

"China's military activities and rhetoric toward Taiwan and others in the region increase tensions unnecessarily. We urge Beijing to exercise restraint, cease its military pressure against Taiwan, and instead engage in meaningful dialogue," State Department spokesman Tommy Pigott said in a statement.

Beijing launched missiles and deployed dozens of fighter jets, navy ships and coastguard vessels on Monday and Tuesday to encircle Taiwan, saying the drills simulated a blockade of the self-ruled island's main ports.

China claims that democratic Taiwan is part of its territory and has refused to rule out using force to annex it.

"The United States supports peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and opposes unilateral changes to the status quo, including by force or coercion," Pigott said.

China again defended the drills as "legitimate" on Friday, and warned countries to "stop stirring up trouble on the Taiwan Strait issue."

"We urge relevant countries and institutions to strictly abide by the one-China principle," a Chinese defence ministry spokesman said in a statement responding to calls for restraint, including from US.

Beijing's show of force came after the Trump administration approved an $11 billion arms package for Taiwan.

The United States has been committed for decades to ensuring Taiwan's self-defense, while staying ambiguous if it would intervene in case of an invasion. *PTI*

Kyiv names new military chief as Russia says 27 dead

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN authorities said on Friday that the death toll from a Ukrainian drone strike they said struck a cafe in a Russian-occupied village in Ukraine's Kherson region rose to 27 people. Kyiv denied attacking civilian targets.

Svetlana Petrenko, spokeswoman of Russia's main criminal investigation agency, the Investigative Committee, said in a statement that a Ukrainian drone strike on a cafe and hotel in the village of Khorly, where at least 100 civilians were celebrating New Year's Eve overnight into Thursday, killed 27 people, including two minors. A total of 31, including five minors, were hospitalised with injuries.

A criminal probe into the charges of carrying out an act of terrorism has been opened, Petrenko said. A spokesman for Ukraine's General Staff, Dmytro Lykhovii, denied attacking civilians. He told Ukraine's public broadcaster Suspilne on Thursday that Ukrainian forces 'adhere to the norms of international humanitarian law' and "carry out strikes exclusively against Russian military targets, facilities of the Russian fuel and energy sector, and other lawful targets.' Lykhovii said that the General Staff published an explicit list of targets that the Ukrainian army struck on the night of New Year's Eve that did not include occupied parts of the Kherson region. Lykhovii noted that Russia has repeatedly used disinformation and false statements to disrupt the ongoing peace negotiations.

In Kyiv, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy appointed Kyrylo Budanov, as his new chief of staff on Friday, following the resignation of Andrii Yermak after a corruption scandal over a month ago.

In a post on Telegram, Zelenskyy said Ukraine now needs to focus on security issues, the development of its defence and security forces, and the diplomatic track of negotiations ' areas that will fall under the remit of the Office of the President headed by Budanov. 39, who is one of most popular wartime figures. *AP*

Ukrainian recruits perform drills at a training ground in the Zaporizhzhia region (inset) Major Gen Kyrylo Budanov | AP

ASIA MATTERS

NEW PENAL CODE TAKES EFFECT

Indonesia on Friday began enforcing its newly ratified penal code, replacing a Dutch-era criminal law that had governed the country for more than 80 years and marking a major shift in its legal landscape. The 345-page Indonesian Penal Code, known as the KUHP, was passed in 2022. At the time, then-US State Department spokesperson Ned Price said the US was "closely monitoring the revised criminal code" of its democratic partner. The code criminalizes sex outside marriage and reintroduces penalties for insulting the president and state institutions.

EXPRESS READ

Arrest warrant against former S Korean prez

SEOUL: A South Korean court issued a fresh arrest warrant for ex-president Yoon Suk Yeol on Friday, extending the former leader's detention while facing charges linked to his 2024 attempt to impose martial law. Prosecutors indicted Yoon in November on several charges of aiding the enemy, alleging that he ordered drone flights over North Korea to strengthen his effort to declare military rule. "The warrant was issued under concerns he could destroy evidence," an official from the Seoul Central District Court told AFP. Yoon has been in custody for months

Grandmother, her grandson burn to death in Gaza tent as crisis deepens

DEIR AL BALAH

A grandmother and her 5-year-old grandson burned to death in Gaza when their tent caught fire, as thousands of Palestinians battle harrowing winter conditions in flimsy makeshift housing and the humanitarian crisis deepens.

The nylon tent in Yarmouk caught fire Thursday night from cooking, a neighbour said. As 2026 begins, the shaky 12-week-old ceasefire between Israel and Hamas has largely ended large-scale Israeli bombardment of Gaza. But Palestinians are still being killed almost daily by Israeli fire, and the humanitarian crisis shows no signs of abating.

Over the past weeks, cold winter rains have repeatedly lashed the sprawling tent cities, causing flooding, turning Gaza's dirt roads into mud and causing buildings damaged in Israeli bombardment to collapse. UNICEF says at least six children have now died of weather-related causes, including a 4-year-old who died in a building collapse. At least three children have died of hypothermia, according to Gaza's Health Ministry. Aid groups say not enough shelter materials are getting into Gaza during the truce. Meanwhile, Israel continues operating in the occupied West Bank. On Friday, the Palestinian Prisoners' media office said Israel carried out wide-scale raids across the territory, including Ramallah and Hebron. Nearly 50 people were detained. *AP*

WAR WATCH

ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 820

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GREECE CUTS STUDENT POPULATION AT UNIVERSITIES BY HALF

ATHENS

MORE than 300,000 inactive university students have been removed from the rolls in Greece, cutting the country's official student population by nearly half, authorities said Friday.

The move marks the end of a decadeslong practice — formally abolished in recent legislation — that allowed extended enrollment to facilitate lifelong learning and lengthy breaks for work.

On Friday, the Education Ministry said that 308,605 students admitted to state-run universities' four-year degree programs before 2017 had been removed from the records.

"Student status is not valid for life in any modern European university," Education Minister Sofia Zacharaki said. "We want degrees with value, which reflect effort, skills and passion."

Ministry officials said that about 35,000 people successfully applied for reenrollment in 2025. Opponents of the conservative government's reform, mostly from the academic community, argue the second-chance program failed to address the scale of disruption caused by Greece's severe financial crisis in the previous decade.

The country's active student population stands at just over 350,000, studying at 25 public higher education institutions, according to 2024 data from the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education. *AP*

A file photo of the University of Athens in the Greek capital | AP

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that our clients Smt.Vidya Srinivasan and Sri.Nurani Ramachandran Srinviasan are the joint co-owners in possession of the schedule property described infra.

The original Sale Deed dated 20.12.2003 and registered on 22.12.2003 as document No.YLNK/13463/2003-04, in Book-I, stored in C.D. No.61 at the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka (Gandhinagar), Bangalore is lost/misplaced. In this connection, a complaint has been lodged on 01.01.2026 through online vide Lost Report No.1986875/2026, before the Karnataka State Police.

Any person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned **within 15 days** from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and they shall be doing so at their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential converted Vacant Site bearing No.68, House List Katha No.242, Property No.280/242/68, Meenukunte Gram Panchayath PID Katha No. 150200203100600303, formed out of land bearing Sy. No.114/2, situated at Tarabanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore District, vide DC conversion order dated 98/94-95 dated 02.01.1995, admeasuring East to West : 50 Feet and North to South : 70 Feet and the same is bounded as follows:

On the East by : 30 Feet Road
West by : Plot No.71
North by : Plot No.69
South by : Plot No.67

M/s.MA & CO
Advocates and Consultants
#2934/B, 2nd Floor, M.K.K. Road,
"D" Block, Rajajinagar II Stage,
Bangalore - 560010
Contact Nos.6362653681 & 8095521852.
Date: 01-01-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client M/s Nyaydarshi Integrated Services & Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Is the absolute owner and in possession, under the will of Late Collins Benjamin over properties at Gallipooje Village, Doddaballapura Taluk, Sy. Nos. Old 53/1, New 53/4, 53/3, 53/2; Old 54, 54/1, New 54/2, 54/3, 54/4; 63/1 & 63/2. Probate O.S. 136/2024 pending; Status Quo in Misc. 11/2024 & Misc A. 6/2024, SCJ, Doddaballapura. Public cautioned; transactions at own risk.

Ashoka T, Advocate
62, Ground Floor, 2nd Main,
Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 20.
Ph.: 9341830530.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client as entered into purchase of the property described in the schedule hereunder from the owner **Mrs. Gracy Jacob,** W/o. K.S. Jacob, Residing at: No.46/22, 10th Cross, Maruthinagar, Madiwala, Bangalore-560 068. Any persons having any claim, title or interest over the schedule property or any objections to the proposed purchase may file their objections in writing along with copies of the supporting documents to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication, failing which my client will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.46/22, New E.P.I.D. No.9921627430, BBMP Ward No.152, S.G.Palya, Situated at: 10th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore-560068, Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq. Feet along with RCC Building and bounded on the:

East by : Site No.47,
West by : Site No.45,
North by : Road,
South by : Private Property.

H.V. RAMASWAMY REDDY, Advocate
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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
573.41 ▲	Sensex	85,762.01	₹1,140 ▲	24 carat (10 gm)	₹136,350	₹4,000 ▲	1 kg	₹242,000	▲ Dollar		90.12
182.00 ▲	Nifty	26,328.55	₹1,050 ▲	22 carat (10 gm)	₹125,000	₹40 ▲	10 gm	₹2,420	▲ Euro		105.84

Nifty hits life-time high of 26,340 on earnings hope

Positivity likely to continue next week on pre-quarterly biz updates

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity market extended gains on Friday (January 2, 2026) with the benchmark NSE Nifty 50 surging 193.45 points or 0.73% in intraday deals to reach an all-time peak of 26,340.

The 50-share index settled 182 points or 0.7% higher at 26,328.55. The other benchmark, BSE Sensex, climbed 573.41 points, or 0.67%, to close at 85,762.01. During the day, it jumped 623.67 points or 0.73% to 85,812.27, just shy of its all-time high of 86,159.

The buying on Friday was supported by positive sector-specific developments, particularly the strong auto sales trend in December and the expectation of a robust Q3 earnings season. Global markets also remained firm but the rupee traded weak by 0.20rs -0.22% near 90.16 against the dollar.

Siddhartha Khemka - Head of Research, Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services said that expectations around upcoming Q3 results and supportive policy measures in the Union Budget have helped lift overall sentiment. A key factor has been improved participation in the broader market, particularly selective buying in mid-cap stocks.

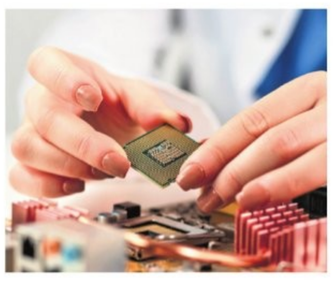
"We expect this positivity to continue into next week, supported by several companies announcing their pre-quarterly business updates...Overall, markets are expected to remain firm, with investor focus on pre-quarterly business updates and the onset of the Q3 earnings season," added Khemka.

Broader markets also participated in the rally of Friday as the Nifty Midcap 100 gained 1% and the Nifty Smallcap 100 advanced 0.7%. Sectoral performance was largely positive. Nifty Realty, Nifty PSU Bank and Nifty Metal led the gains, each rising around 1.5%. Automobile stocks remained in focus, with the Nifty Auto index up 1.1%, supported by strong December sales numbers reported by companies. Banking stocks witnessed strong buying interest following positive December quarter business updates, lifting the Bank Nifty to a fresh record high of 60,152.35 during the session.

"Nifty has started the year on a firm footing, scaling fresh lifetime highs above 26,340 and reaffirming its broader uptrend," said Ashish Chaturmohta, Managing Director & Fund Manager, Apex PMS, JM Financial. However, the gains are not broad-based. Chaturmohta said December data shows nearly 58% of NSE 500 stocks ended the month lower, while over half of Nifty constituents underperformed the index—highlighting narrow, large-cap-led leadership rather than broad-based strength.

Nod to 22 electronics part mfg projects

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi



THE government on Friday approved 22 new proposals under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) from companies including Dixon Technologies, Samsung Display, Foxconn (Yuzhan Technology India), and Hindalco Industries.

According to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), the approved proposals entail a projected investment of ₹41,863 crore and estimated production of ₹2.58 lakh crore. Addressing the media, Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw said the projects are expected to generate 33,791 direct employment opportunities.

"A total of 46 applications have been approved under the scheme so far, with cumulative investments of ₹54,567 crore. These projects are expected to generate employment for 50,794 people and drive cumulative production worth ₹3.67 lakh crore," said Vaishnaw.

The approved projects are spread across eight States—Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan. Of the 11 product categories covered, five relate to bare components such as printed circuit boards (PCBs), capacitors, connectors, enclosures, and lithium-ion cells. Three proposals pertain to sub-assemblies, including camera modules, display modules, and optical transceivers, while three relate to supply-chain items such as aluminium extrusion, anode material, and laminates. PCBs account for the highest number of approvals, with nine of the 22 applications.

Other companies that received approvals include Vital Electronics, Motherson, Amara Raja–ATL, Tata Electronics, NPSPL Anode Material, AT&S India, ILJN Ascent, Amphenol High Speed Interconnect India, CIPS A-TEC, and Kunshan Qtech Microelectronics, among others. The Union Cabinet had approved the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme on March 28, 2025, with an outlay of ₹22,919 crore to strengthen India's electronics supply chain and promote Atmanirbhar Bharat.

4 chip units to begin production from 2026: Vaishnaw

NEW DELHI: Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Friday said four semiconductor units in the country—including those being set up by the Tata Group, Micron, and CG Semi—will move beyond pilot runs and trial production to begin regular, large-scale manufacturing from 2026. "Kaynes Semicon, CG Power, Micron Technology and Tata Electronics are set to start commercial manufacturing of semiconductors in India in 2026," said the minister. The government said these companies will supply products to domestic manufacturers as well as export to global markets. *ENS*

Sensex gives 15,594% return in 40 years

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Sensex, the 30-share markets benchmark, has given a whopping 15,594% returns—from 524 points at launch on January 1, 1986 to 86,159 points at peak in last November, showing the remarkable wealth creation over the four decades.

The Sensex index of the BSE, the oldest stock exchange in the whole of Asia, founded on July 9, 1875, by a group of 22 stockbrokers, led by Premchand Roychand under banyan trees as The Native Share & Stock Brokers Association, and was officially recognised by the government in 1956.

Only four—Reliance, L&T, ITC and Hindustan Unilever—of the original 30 stocks continue to be in the index in all these 40 years, while some others like Tata Motors (39 years) and Tata Steel (38 years) and SBI (37 years) exited during these years and retuned. These 30 stocks represent 40% of the market cap of all the BSE stocks.

Govt warns Elon Musk-led X over obscene content generated by Grok

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

IN another face-off with Elon Musk-led X (formerly known as Twitter), the government has written to the platform warning it against hosting, generating, or uploading obscene, nude, indecent, or sexually explicit content through its AI-based services such as Grok and other xAI tools.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in a letter to X's chief compliance officer, directed the platform to comply with its statutory due diligence obligations under the Information Technology Act, 2000, and the IT Rules. The ministry cautioned that non-compliance could lead to loss of legal protection under Section 79 of the IT Act, making the platform liable for action under the IT Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The ministry asked X to undertake a detailed technical and governance-level review of Grok, including its prompt-processing systems, to ensure that the AI doesn't generate or promote sexually explicit objectionable content.

In recent weeks, Grok AI has come under scrutiny for generating obscene images of women by digitally altering photographs and changing clothing. These incidents have drawn sharp reactions, including from Shiv Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha MP Priyanka Chaturvedi, who has written to Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw seeking urgent action.

In a strongly worded letter, the ministry said it had observed Grok AI was being misused by users, including through fake accounts, to host, generate, publish, or share obscene images or videos of women in a derogatory manner, indecently denigrating them. It added that such misuse is not limited to fake accounts but also targets women who share their own images or videos, which are manipulated using prompts, image alteration, and synthetic outputs.

Direct entry for B'desh, Bhutan, Nepal bidders in CIL e-auction

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a big move, Coal India Limited (CIL) has, for the first time, permitted countries such as Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal to participate in auctions conducted by the company, effective 1 January 2026.

As per a statement by CIL, India's largest coal miner, consumers who wish to import coal from India will be allowed to directly participate in the Single Window Mode Agnostic (SWMA) auctions conducted by the company. CIL's Board has recently cleared decks for this move by tweaking the scheme's mechanism in SWMA auction.

Under revised framework, foreign buyers can participate alongside domestic buyers in the SWMA auction. Earlier, access to CIL's coal by consumers across borders was only via domestic coal traders, who were allowed to buy and sell coal without any end-use restrictions.

"Opening SWMA e-auctions to foreign buyers reflects CIL's calibrated approach to market expansion while fully safeguarding domestic coal requirements. This step enhances transparency, competition and global market integration" said a senior company official.

As per CIL, key provisions for foreign buyers include one-time registration, participation via digital bidding, advance electronic payments and export through notified logistics channels. CIL further said the payment process would be transparent and in accordance with Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) rules. In terms of payment, buyers from Nepal can make payments in INR as well as US dollars, while buyers from the other two countries are required to make payments in US dollars, the valuation of which would be in INR.

DRAFT RULES

Govt proposes 90-day gig work for social security

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government has proposed a 90-day annual work threshold for gig and platform workers as the mandatory eligibility criteria to access social security under new draft rules on the Social Security Code 2020, published on December 31.

The draft rules have been pre-published for stakeholders' feedback. The four labour codes, including Social Security Code 2020, were notified on November 21, 2025. Gig worker or a platform worker will be considered engaged with an aggregator for a day if they have earned income, irrespective of amount, for such work rendered with aggregator on that day. In case of working with multiple aggregators, the days of engagement of a gig worker or a platform worker shall be calculated across the aggregators in a cumulative manner.

If a gig worker or a platform worker is engaged with three aggregators on a day, this shall count as three days, labour ministry said. It clarified that an eligible worker shall include all such who are engaged by the aggregator directly or through an associate company, holding company, subsidiary company, limited liability partnership or through a third party.

₹85 lakh crore projects reviewed by PRAGATI; 382 directly by PM Modi

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi has himself reviewed 382 of the most complex infrastructure projects in the last 10 years under the PRAGATI (Proactive Governance and Timely Implementation) programme, cabinet secretary TV Somanathan informed the media on Friday. As many as 2,958 issues were resolved out of the 3,187 raised related to these projects.

"On average, one complex issue has been resolved every working day," Somanathan said as he briefed the outcomes of the 50th meeting under PRAGATI chaired by the PM. Sector-wise, among the projects reviewed by the PM , 114 relate to roads and highways, 109 to railways, and 54 to power, which is why the respective secretaries are present here on Friday.

PRAGATI is a technology-based platform for project monitoring, scheme review, and grievance redressal, built on active collaboration between central ministries and state governments. So far, PRAGATI has covered over 3,300 projects worth ₹85 lakh crore. The programme reviewed 195 private projects worth ₹10.57 lakh crore at various levels. Only projects over ₹500 crore are taken for review under PRAGATI.

As per Somanathan, over last decade, capital expenditure has increased dramatically, from ₹4.26 lakh crore in 2014–15 to ₹15.53 lakh crore in 2025–26— a rise of 3.6 times. "However, allocating money alone is not enough; effective implementation is critical. Without PRAGATI, it would have been extremely difficult to spend this enhanced capital outlay on the ground," he said.

He highlighted three key projects – Jammu-Baramulla-Srinagar Rail Link, Navi Mumbai International Airport and Bogibeel rail-cum-road bridge over the Brahmaputra – which were brought under PRAGATI to expedite these projects.

Jammu-Baramulla-Srinagar Rail Link was approved in 1994, had achieved 40% progress by 2016. After being taken up under PRAGATI, it was commissioned in June 2025. "At its original pace, it would likely have been completed about 2039," said the Cabinet secretary. Similarly, the Navi Mumbai Airport, approved in 2007, showed zero progress for eight years. After PRAGATI intervention in 2015, it was commissioned last week. The Bogibeel rail-cum-road bridge, approved in 1997 and reviewed under PRAGATI in 2015, commissioned in 2018.

In total, 7,735 issues have been taken up under PRAGATI, of which 7,156 have been resolved. Nearly 73% of resolved issues relate to land acquisition, forest and environmental clearances, and right-of-way issues. Despite land acquisition posing as the key challenge, the cabinet secretary said the government has no plans to amend the land acquisition law. On the issue of quality, secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Umashankar, said PRAGATI doesn't directly audit construction quality, but timely execution helps cut quality risks.

Bullet train project to cost ₹1.98 lakh crore

The government has said that the current estimates of the high-speed rail project (bullet train) between Mumbai and Ahmedabad would cost Rs 1.98 lakh crore. However, the revised figure will be shared in a few days. The final sanction for the second phase is still under revision.

ASIANOMICS

HONG KONG

NOV RETAIL SALES RISE 6.5%

Hong Kong's retail recovery extended into November last year, with sales climbing 6.5% year on year as authorities pointed to improving local consumption, macroeconomic stability and growth in visitor numbers. Official figures released on Friday placed November's provisional estimate for retail sales value at HK$33.7 billion ($4.3 bn), the third consecutive month of growth at above 6% level YoY. The strongest growth was seen in electronics and luxury goods, alongside a major surge in digital commerce. The "electrical goods and other consumer durable goods" category was a top performer, jumping 38.6%. Hong Kong's retail sector had struggled through a prolonged downturn.

CHINA

FACTORY ACTIVITY SEES GROWTH IN DECEMBER

China's factories returned to growth in December for the first time in eight months, offering a rare bright spot for the world's second-largest economy as policymakers grapple with slowing demand and deepening structural strains. Factory activity expanded for the final month of the year as orders picked up ahead of holidays and builders rushed to finish projects, according to surveys released on Wednesday. The official purchasing managers index or PMI for manufacturing, a monthly survey of companies, rose to 50.1 this month, the National Bureau of Statistics reported. That was just above the 50 cut off for expansion versus contraction on a scale up to 100. Another, private sector, survey also was at 50.1 for December. The better-than-expected readings partly reflect easing pressure due to an extended truce in trade tensions with the US.

SINGAPORE

ECONOMY GREW 5.7% IN Q4, 2025

Singapore's economy grew 5.7% in the last quarter of 2025, with the strongest growth reported in manufacturing sector, as per advance estimates released by the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) on Friday (Jan 2). The pace of growth is faster than the 5% growth reported in the same period a year ago, and 4.3% growth recorded in Q3 of 2025. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally adjusted basis, the economy grew 1.9%, down from 2.4% in the Q3. Manufacturing sector expanded 15% in the fourth quarter from the same period a year ago, accelerating from the 4.9% growth posted in the previous quarter. Output expansions in the biomedical manufacturing and electronics clusters largely drove the expansion, said MTI, noting robust output growth in the pharmaceuticals segment and sustained demand for artificial intelligence (AI) related semiconductors, servers and server-related products.

Commerce ministry seeks continuation of RoDTEP scheme

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Commerce seeks continuation of RoDTEP, or Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products for export products in the upcoming Budget 2026, said a government source aware of the matter.

"RoDTEP continuity is what we are demanding. There has to be a certainty in the policy that exporters should know that the internal costs are being invested, particularly in these uncertain times," said the official. RoDTEP scheme currently covers over 10,000 product lines across sectors.

Operational since January 2021, the RoDTEP scheme refunds exporters for embedded duties, taxes and levies not reimbursed elsewhere.

Aligned with World Trade Organization rules and run on a fully digital platform, the scheme has disbursed ₹57,976.78 crore till March 31, 2025, highlighting its role in boosting merchandise exports. The government had earmarked ₹18,233 crore for RoDTEP in FY26.

Currently, the scheme is applicable to exports made from domestic tariff area (DTA) units, advance authorisation (AA) holders, special economic zone (SEZ) units, and export oriented units (EOUs) up to March 2026. Exporters receive rebates ranging from 1-4% of the value of each product, depending on category and input composition.

The scheme was supposed to expire in September 2025. However, with US tariff hitting certain exports sectors like apparels, marine products, textiles etc, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce notified in its September continuation.

Under the RoDTEP framework, exporters get a refund on a range of embedded levies, including mandi tax, VAT, coal cess and central excise duty on fuel. The scheme spans labour-intensive sectors such as marine products, leather, gems and jewellery and agriculture, while also extending support to electronics, automobiles, machinery and plastics.

'MOST NON-TARIFF ISSUES WITH RUSSIA RESOLVED'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA has addressed several non-tariff barriers (NTBs) with Russia for several sectors like marine, agricultural, engineering goods and the exports of these items are likely to go up in the coming months, said a source from commerce ministry, aware of the matter.

"Marine agriculture, then electronics, engineering goods, they are all there (for which NTBs have been discussed and addressed). So for example in engineering goods, there are European Commission standards, there are Russian standards. For one set of products they would have European Commission standard, Eurasian Commission standard. For other set of products they would have Russian standard. Our export is also confused, which standards to apply," said the source. The source even confirmed that even Russian President has assured that they will also work on this and there is a strong political will on both the sides to address the NTBs. India is aiming to address several non-tariff issues with Russia to minimise the trade imbalance.

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Syndicate

Asset Recovery Management Branch-II

86, Spencers Towers, IInd Floor, M.G. Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) TO BORROWERS GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Ref: ARMII/DN/MFT/01/2025-26 **Date: 31.12.2025**

To

M/s Maheshwari Floritech Rep. by its Prop. D.V. Nataraj

Marangere village Chikkathirupathi post Hoskote Taluk Bengaluru Rural- 563130

Mr. D.V.Nataraj S/o Vasu T

Devanga Beedhi Dommasandra Anekal Taluk Bengaluru 562125

Mrs. Nanjamma R W/o Late Vasu T

Teru Beedi Dommasandra village Sarjapur Hobli Anekal TalukBengaluru Urban District

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Specialised ARM II branch(hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

That **M/s Maheshwari Floritech, Rep. Prop.D.V.Nataraj;Marangere village, Chikkathirupathi post, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural- 563130 and Mr.D.V.Nataraj , S/o Late T.Vasu, Devanga beedhi, Dommasandra, Anekal taluk, Bengaluru 562125** (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrowers") has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and has entered into the security agreement/s in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-mentioned agreements.

That Smt. Nanjamma R, W/o Late T.Vasu ,Teru Beedi, Dommasandra village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk,Bengaluru Urban District hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor") has guaranteed the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to the secured creditor by the Borrower for credit facilities up to the limit of Rs.87,17,000/- (Rupees Eighty seven lakhs seventeen thousand only) with interest thereon.

You (The person mentioned in schedule B) are also entered into agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder.

However, from 31.12.2016 (month/year), the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular. The books of account maintained by the secured assets shows that the liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as on date amounts to **Rs.6,65,40,956.53 /- (Rupees Six Crores Sixty-Five lakhs Forty thousand Nine hundred Fifty-Six and Fifty-Three paisa only) as on 30.12.2025** ,the details of which together with future interest rate are stated in **Schedule C** hereunder. It is further stated that the Borrower/Guarantor having failed to keep up with the terms of the above said agreement in clearing the dues of the secured creditor within the time given and have been evasive in settling the dues. The operation and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facility/ies having come to a standstill and as a consequence of the default committed in repayment of principal debt/ instalment and interest thereon, the secured creditor was constrained to classify the debt as Non Performing Asset (NPA) as on **31.03.2017** (mention date) in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in **Schedule C** hereunder to the secured creditor within **60 days from the date of receipt of this notice**. Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate of 12.50%(excluding penal interest) and 15.20 % together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum of **Rs.6,65,40,956.53 /- (Rupees Six Crores Sixty-Five lakhs Forty thousand Nine hundred Fifty-Six and Fifty-Three paisa only) as on 30.12.2025** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:

13(4)- In case the Borrower/Guarantor fails to discharge liability in full within the period specified in sub-section (2), the secured creditor may take recourse to one or more of the following measures to recover his secured debt, namely

(a) Take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/Guarantor including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset;

(b) Take over the management of the business of the Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset:

Provided that the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale shall be exercised only where the substantial part of the business of the Borrower is held as security for the debt;

Provided further that where the management of whole of the business or part of the business is severable, the secured creditor shall take over the management of such business of the borrower which is relatable to the security for the debt; and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

You are also put on notice that **in terms of section 13(13) the Borrower/Guarantor shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule B hereunder without obtaining written consent of the secured creditor.** It is further brought to your notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/ restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence and if for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited with the secured creditor. In this regard you shall have to render proper accounts of such realization / income.

This notice of Demand is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which the secured creditor may have included further demands for the sums found due and payable by you.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the Act and/or any other law in force.

Please comply with the demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of non-compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequence.

SCHEDULE - A

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Sl No	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of sanction	Amount
1	0823840011574	KISAN CREDIT CARD SCHEMESHORT DURATION	04/08/2010	Rs. 10,62,000/-
2	0823891010261	AGRICULTURE TERM LOAN	26/08/2009	Rs. 76,55,000/-

SCHEDULE - B

[Details of security assets]

Sl No	Immovable	Name of Title Holder
1	All that piece & parcel of immovable property bearing property no.189, measuring East to west :17 feet and North to South: 47 feet, VP khatha no.328 & 239, Teru beedi, Dommasandra village, Bengaluru rural district, **bounded by East-:** Property of Nagaraju **West:** Property of Govindaraju **North:** Agasara seerappa **South:** Khaneshumari No.188	Mrs. Nanjamma
2	All that piece & parcel of immovable property bearing property no.189, measuring East to West: 17 feet and North to South: 30 feet, VP khatha no.328 & 239, Teru beedi, Dommasandra village, Bengaluru rural district, **bounded by East-:** Property of Babusingh **West:** Khatha No.188 **North:** Property of Nagaraju **South:** Property of T Vasu & Nanjamma	Mrs. Nanjamma

SCHEDULE – C

[Details of liability]

Sl No	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Principal amount	Interest and other charges as on 30.12.2025	Total Liability as on 30.12.2025	Rate of Interest
1	0823840011574	KISAN CREDIT CARD SCHEME SHORT DURATION	25,77,197.23	77,71,004.00	1,03,48,201.23	12.50% + 2 % penal interest
2	0823891010261	AGRICULTUR E TERM LOAN	1,77,02,696.30	3,84,90,059.00	5,61,92,755.30	15.20%
		TOTAL	2,02,79,893.53	4,62,61,063	6,65,40,956.53	

Our Earlier Demand Notice Dated 05.08.2024 stands withdrawn.

Thanking you
Yours faithfully,
Sd/-, AUTHORIZED OFFICER

BEFORE THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL COURT, BANGALORE

O.S. No.8174 / 2022

BETWEEN: M/s.Canara Bank , R.R. Nagar Branch II, No. 144, Dhruva Plaza, Nehru Road, BEML III Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore - 560 098. Represented by the Senior Manager **...Plaintiff.**

And:

Vinod T. N., No. 17/1, 14th Cross Road, Rajan Garden, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040 **....Defendant**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT U/o 5 RULE 20 OF CPC

Vinod T. N., No. 17/1, 14th Cross Road, Rajan Garden, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040.

Whereas, the Plaintiff has filed the above suit for Judgement and Decree directing defendant to pay the amount of **Rs.9,05,897/-** (Rupees Nine Lakhs Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Seven Only) along with present and future interest at 10.35% p.a. till the date of realization.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court in person or by a pleader on **09.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M.** to answer the above claim of plaintiff failing which the suit will be disposed of exparte in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court This day of **10.12.2025.**

By the Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for the Plaintiff: Mrs. Asha T. N.
Elita Promonade, A.LO G .03, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru - 560 078.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client **Archdiocese of Bangalore,** represented by the **Archbishop of Bangalore,** presently Most **Rev Dr. Peter Machado, S/o Late Mr. Anthony Machado,** residing at Archbishop's House, 75, Miller's Road, Benson, Town, Bengaluru – 560 046, is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Sri. Irfan M. H, S/o Sri. M. Hydervali and Smt. Radhika Rakesh Nazre, wife of Sri. Rakesh Vishwanath** residing at no. 2, Wall street, Nagavarapalya, C. V. Raman Nagar, Bengaluru - 5600 93 and the same was acquired and is in possession through a registered Sale Deed dated 22/11/2024, Document No. SRJ-1-07673-2024-25 of Book-I, BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE Sub-registrar, Basavanagudi (Sarjapura), Basavanagudi District Registrar.

Any person/s having objections or claims, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claim to the address below mentioned within **5 days** from the date of this Notice with the undersigned failing which my client shall proceed with further transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing **survey No. 146 (old Sy No. 100/P8),** measuring **39 guntas,** situated at **Mattanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban Dist** and bounded on:

East By : Karagada Muniyappa's land
West By : Chinnappa's Land
North By : Government Road
South By : Krishnappa's Land.

Sri. Chalapathi, BA, LLB.
Advocate
No. 24/8, 2nd Floor, curzon square, Lady curzon Road, Bengaluru – 560 001
Mobile No. 7411297776

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

E-Tender No. KPCL/2025-26/SE0313 **Date: 02.01.2026**

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(QCBS TWO COVER SYSTEM) (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) Only) Tenders are invited from experienced and reputed consulting engineering firms with relevant technical experience and managerial competence to review, inspect and monitor the work of Mine Operator (MO) substantially in accordance with the scope of work mentioned in the Coal Mining Agreement (CMA) of Durgapur II Taraimar & Sarya coal blocks situated in Raigarh District of Chhattisgarh State, in the open tender for appointment of an Independent Engineer for Durgapur II Taraimar & Sarya coal blocks of KPCL, under Article 26 of the CMA. The last date for receipt of the completed bids is upto **17.00 hrs on 17.01.2026**. The brief bid notification containing Pre-qualification criteria and other details can be accessed from KPPP portal, Karnataka Government. The tender document can be downloaded from the website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** Further details can be had from **The Chief Engineer (Mines),** KPCL, # 82, Shakthi Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560001. **E-mail:** semineskpcl@gmail.com; **Telefax:** 080-22203894; **Mobile:** 94495 98901.**Website:** www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in; **KPP portal helpdesk:** +91-8046010000 ; +91-8068948777.

Can Fin Homes Ltd

586, 2nd Floor, 80ft Rd, 8th Block, Near Police Station, Opp. Bethany School Koramangala, Bangalore-560095
koramangala@canfinhomes.com
Tel: 080-41112879/41115689, 7625079457/131
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

KORAMANGALA BRANCH

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)"

To,

1. **Sri. Janardhanam Kattamanchi,** (Borrower) S/o. Late Kuppaiah, Address: No.80, 6th Cross, 2nd Main, Widia Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560040.
2. **Mr. Puneeth Kattamanchi** (Guarantor), S/o. Sri. Janardhanam Kattamanchi, No.80, 6th Cross, 2nd Main, Widia Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560040
3. **Authorised Person M/S. SLV Constructions, (Guarantor),**No.702, Basement Floor, 11th Main, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041.

No. 1 amongst you have availed a housing loans from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset belonging to No.01 An amount of **Rs.9,49,080/-** (Nine Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Eighty Rupees Only) is due from you, to Can Fin Homes Ltd. as on 01.01.2026 together with future interest at the contracted rate.

DETAILS OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY:

SCHEDULE A:- All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing converted Sy.No.92, converted vide order bearing No.ALN.SR(S)248/2007-08, Dated:19/11/2008, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore, BBMP Khatha Municiple No.3641/92, ward No.188, situated at Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently under the Administrative Judristricton of BBMP, measuring about 23,325 Sq. Ft, with all right, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the, East by : Land bearing Sy No.95 and 84 West by : Land bearing Sy. No.87 and 91,North by: Private Property South by: Road

SCHEDULE B:- Flat bearing No.308 in the 3rd Floor of the Apartment known as "SLV NAKSHATRA" having super built up area of 1514 Sq.Ft. containing Three bed rooms, along with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, staircase etc., together with 469 Sq.Ft., undivided share of the land comprised in Schedule "A" property.

SCHEDULE C:- Description of Apartment, a.Apartment Type : 3 BHK, b.Apartment No.: 308, c.Floor:Third, d. Block :----, e.Tower :Nil, f.Super Built up Area: 1514 Sq.Ft, g.Car Parking :One Covered Car Parking h. Building Name "SLV Nakshatra" , i.Consideration Amount : Rs.55,00,000/-

Registered demand notice was sent to No. 1 amongst you under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, but the same was returned unserved. The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrower/s as per the said Act. Hence this paper publication. As you have failed to adhere to the terms of the sanction, the account is classified as a Non Performing Asset on **29.12.2025** as per the NHB Guidelines. You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon from **01.01.2026** within 60days from the date of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESIAct to enforce the aforesaidsecurity. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Place: Bangalore,
Date : 02.01.2026

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Limited

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ELECTRICAL CIRCLE (R&B)

NIRMAN SOUDHA BHUBANESWAR

E-mail - seec.bbsr2010@gmail.com

Bid Identification No.S.E.E.C (R&B) 25/2025-26

No. 4651 / Date 22.12.2025

B-902: The Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids for E.I. works which are to be received through online bidding, double cover system as detailed in :https://tendersorissa.gov.in. The details of bId documents will be available in the above website from dt.06.01.2026 at 05.00 P.M. to dt.20.01.2026 up to 05.00 P.M. The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or Ill. Bids received online shall be opened dt.21.0 1.2026 at 11.30 A.M. in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal www.tendersorissa.gov.in.

Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the Website.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer
Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, BBSR

OIPR- 34006/11/0068/2526

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that; my client is proposing to purchase the lands described in the schedule hereunder written. Terms of the purchase are under negotiation. Meanwhile, we are instructed to carry out a due diligence of the schedule properties and the scrutiny of documents to ascertain marketable title and lawful possession of the respective owners, are in process. As part of the due diligence report, this public notice is issued to receive a response from any persons interested in the schedule properties or opposing the sale or otherwise of the schedule properties including any financial institutions, agreement holders, GPA holders or any person claiming any right title, claim, interest or lien over the schedule properties or any portion thereof and/or opposing sale of the schedule properties to my client or otherwise in any manner whatsoever, are hereby notified to register their objections/claims, if any with supporting authenticated documents, justifying such claims to the under signed within "Ten days" from the date of publication hereof for scrutiny and consideration.

If no objections/claims are received with supporting documents as above within the stipulated period, my client will proceed with the completion of the proposed transaction as if there are no objections or objections if any, are deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of industrially converted land situated at Billakempanahalli village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, and District and bounded as follows:

	Extent		Schedule Boundaries			
	A	G	East	West	North	South
Kaneshmari No. 100/2 (Sy No. 46/4 & 46/5)	2	17	Land belonging M/s K.G nandini Enterprises	Lands of N.S Shivakumar and Veerabhadraiah	Chikka Billakempana -halli Village road	Lands of Kodappa
47/1	00	4½	Chikka Billakempanahalli Village	Land of V Thiagarajan	Government road	land of Anantharaje Urs
47/2	00	5½	Chikka Billakempanahalli Village	Shree Rajarajeshwari Industries Pvt Ltd	Road	Land of V Thigarajan
48/5	00	13	Remaining land in Sy No.48/5 Belonging to Anantharaje urs	Shree Rajarajeshwari Industries Pvt Ltd	Land of V Thiagarajan	Remaining land in Sy No. 48/5 belonging to Anantharaje Urs
Total	3	00				

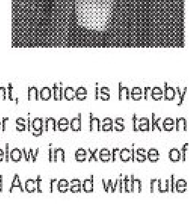
Mr. Prakash T Hebbar, Advocate
Hebbar Law Firm,
No. SF-17, 2nd Floor, Hameed Shah Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru – 560 002.

THE NEHRUNAGAR CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

No. 172, 1st Main Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore – 560 020.
Ph: 080-23364376 E-Mail: info@nehrubank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE-IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Rule 9)



The under signed being the Authorized officer of The Nehrunagar Co-Operative Bank Limited, No.172, 1st Main Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560020, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated 02.06.2025 to the borrowers Smt.Vinitha S K, Satish Kumar K, Suraj S Kumar and Shashank S Kumar calling upon to repay the loan amount of Rs.40,87,375/-(Rupees Forty Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Three Hundred And Seventy Five only) as on 21.05.2025 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the entire loan amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public general that the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules.

The borrower in particular and the public in general here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Nehrunagar Co-Operative Bank Limited.

Borrower: Smt.Vinitha S K, Satish Kumar K, Suraj S Kumar and Shashank S Kumar, Loan Account No.201200000889. Demand Notice dated 02.06.2025 Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. Total Amount Due: Rs.48,19,099/-(Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Ninteen Thousand and Ninty Nine only) as on **31.12.2025.**

Description of property: 'B' SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing site 367 Municipal No 367/29, situated at 3rd Main, Road Bapujinagara Kavika Employees House Building Co – Operative Society Ltd, Behind Kempapura Agrahara, B.B.M.P Ward No.42, Bengaluru, PID No.42-111-367/29.

Measuring: East to West 30-0 feet and North to South 20-0 feet.

Bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Road, North by: Property No. 368, South by : Property No. 366.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 31-12-2025

Authorized Officer
THE NEHRUNAGAR CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

FEDERAL BANK
YOUR PERFECT BANKING PARTNER

The Federal Bank Ltd., Loan Collection and Recovery Department / Bangalore Division, No. 3, Church Street, 2nd Floor, MSR West Park, Bengaluru-560 001, Karnataka, Phone: +91 8095828647, Email: bgrlcrd@federalbank.co.in Website: www.federalbank.co.in, CIN: L65191KL1931PLC000368

SALE NOTICE FOR MOVABLE PROPERTIES

Pursuant to the notices issued to the Borrower(s) Co-obligant (s) & Guarantors, namely **(1) Mr. B.V. Sadanand, S/o. Venkataswamy Reddy,** carrying on business in the name and style of M/s. MVR Chemicals and Oils & also carrying on business in the name and style of M/s. MVR Gas **(2) Mrs. S.L. Manjula, W/o. Mr.B.V. Sadanand, (3) Ms. Sahana Reddy, D/o. Mr. B.V. Sadanand, (4) Ms. Sanjana S. Reddy, D/o.Mr.B.V. Sadanand,** All R/at No. 801, MVR Nilaya, 9th Main Road, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore, and the disposal of Writ Petitions No.16146/2023 & 28717/2023, notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-obligant (s) and Guarantors that the below described movables hypothecated to The Federal Bank Ltd and The South Indian Bank Ltd & non-hypothecated items will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and Whatever there is" basis, in a single lot on **22.01.2026** as per the time provided below due to failure of the borrower(s) to remove such movables Hypothecated & Non-Hypothecated items in spite of notices.

The reserve price will be **Rs.1,20,00,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.12,00,000/-** (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Only).

The intending purchasers may contact The Federal Bank Ltd, LCRD Bangalore Division/ the undersigned for inspection or further details, terms & conditions of the sale.

Sl. No.	SCHEDULE -A Particulars items - MVR Gas	Sl. No.	SCHEDULE -B Particulars items-MVR Chemicals & Oils
1	LPG Storage Tanks	1	Sintex Tanks 7000 ltr
2	Hydraulic jack	2	Sintex Tanks 4000 ltr
3	Weighing Scale	3	Sintex Tanks 10000 ltr
4	Gas pumping Machine	4	Charcoal Fired Thermic Fluid Heater
5	200 ltr Plastic drums	5	Metal Storage Tank
6	LPG Empty Cylinders Big Size	6	Processing Metal Tank
7	LPG Empty Cylinders small Size	7	Empty Oxygen Cylinders
8	Horizontal Air Compressor	8	Diesel Power Generator
9	Diesel Power Generator	9	Chemical Processing Distillation Structure and equipment
10	Hydration Pump & Machinery		
11	Water Tanker, Steel Cubboards, Old furniture /electronic items etc	10	Steel Cubboards, Old furniture /electronic items etc

* - the said Item is also hypothecated to The South Indian Bank Ltd.

Note: Federal Bank has the absolute right to accept or reject the quote / offer / all or any tender including the highest tender or adjourn / postpone the sale without assigning any reason and to conduct inter-se bidding. The decision of the Bank shall be final.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the website of The Federal Bank Ltd i.e. **https://www.federalbank.co.in /web/guest/tender-notices**

Date : 02.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Assistant Vice President & Branch Head
The Federal Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client intends to purchase the property detailed in the Schedule below (**"Schedule Property"**), from its owners, **Mr. Keerthicharan L and Mr. L. Dheeraj Charan.** Any person/s having any manner of right, title, claim, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien, encumbrance or any other interest of whatsoever nature in respect of the Schedule Property, may file their objections, with documentary proof, to the undersigned, within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no objections are received within the said period, it shall be deemed that none else have any right, title, claim, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien, encumbrance or any other interest of whatsoever nature in respect of the Schedule Property, and our Client will proceed to complete the proposed sale transaction, on the basis that the abovementioned persons are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential site bearing Site No. 1052/4, PID No. 6000047362, situated at 7th Block, Sir M Vishweshwaraiah Layout Further Extension, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, and measuring East to West: 15 metres and North to South: 24 metres, in all measuring 360 square metres, and bounded on the:

East by : Site No. 1052/5;
West by : Site No. 1052/3;
North by : Road; and
South by : Site Nos. 1057 and 1056.

I.S. DEVAIAH
Partner, MD&T Partners
No. 31, 4 th Temple Road, 15 th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003.
Tel: +91 80 2346 6529, Date:02-01-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, Mr.Ajay.K.E, residing at Thavarekere, Kalappanahalli Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore has lost the Original Gift Deed dated 30.09.2019, executed by Padmanabaiah @ Padmanabha Gowda in favour of Gayathri.S.N, registered as document No.BDH-1-03324/2019-20, in Book I and stored in CD No.BDHD391, in the office of the Sub-registrar, Bidarahalli, Bangalore in respect of the property E-Khatha No.150200401700525502, Khatha No.1175/7/2, situated at Sheegehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 69 feet and North to South 34+33/2 feet, in all measuring 2311.5 Sq.ft, along with residential house therein. A police complaint dated 01.01.2026 is lodged in this regard. If any person finds the same may kindly be delivered to the undersigned or to my client. Any person un-authorisly holding the same and dealing with the same in the respect of the above property in any manner, the same will not be binding on my clients. In this behalf if any person having any Objections or claims can lodge the same with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Fifteen days of this Notice. Later on the same will not be entertained and my client proceed to deal with said property as his like.

Place: Bangalore
Dated: 03.01.2026

H.D.BASAPPA, Advocate
"G.R.COMPLEX", # 31, 1st Floor, Service Road, Domlur Layout, Opp.BBMP Office, Domlur, Bangalore-560 071
Mobile : 9986349626
E-Mail :basappahd2018@gmail.com

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE

(BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, BENGALURU-560001)

O. A. No: 1379/2025

BETWEEN : M/s. CANARA BANK, JP NAGAR 2nd stage BRANCH, ...Applicant

AND : 1. M/s. Thirumala Computers Rptd by its Prop: Pramod N Kulkarni

2. Mr. Pramod N Kulkarni

3. Mr. Prashanth N. Kulkarni, ...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT No. 1 to 3 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION ISSUED UNDER RULE-23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

DEFENDANT NO.1:

M/S. THIRUMALA COMPUTERS Rptd by Prop: Mr. Pramod N Kulkarni, No.79, 5th cross, Puttenahalli Main road, KR Layout, JP Nagar 6th Phase, BENGALURU-560078

DEFENDANT NO.2: Mr. PRAMOD N KULKARNI S/o. Narayan Rao Kulkarni, No. 7, 3rd floor, Purvi Residency, 1st Main, 1st cross, Gokul Nagara, Doddakallasandra, BENGALURU-560062.

DEFENDANT NO.3: Mr. PRASHANTH KULKARNI, S/o. ANANTH KULKARNI, No. 5, 2nd floor, Purvi Residency, Gokul Nagar, Doddakallasandra, BENGALURU 560062

WHEREAS the above-named Applicant has instituted the application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,15,07,140.79/- (Rupees one crore Fifteen Lakhs seven thousand One hundred forty and Seventy nine paise only) as on 21.03.2025,** together with further cost and interest. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or **on 02.03.2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 22-12-2025 at Bengaluru.

By Order Of The Tribunal, Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Notice is hereby given to public that our client **Mr. Yogendra Prasad R,** Intending to mortgage the schedule property and avail loan from Avanse Financial Services Ltd.

If any person or persons or Financial Institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within **seven days** from today, along with relevant documents failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site Nos. 32, 33 & 34,** measuring East to West (50 + 51)/2 feet and North to South 100 feet, admeasuring **5,050 square feet** formed in land bearing Survey No. 63/2A, situated at **Chikkasandra Village, Yeshawanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** and bounded on;

East By : Private Property: West By : 20 Feet Road; North By : Property belongs to late Patel Kempaiah; South By : Property bearing Site No .35.

Shivakumar, Advocate **M/s. RASHI LEGAL**
No.B2-1250/51, Manu Teja Towers, A Dasarahalli Magadi Main Road, Bangalore (North) -560079
M-9538178060,

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the following Original documents have been lost/misplaced and are not traceable despite diligent search.

(i) Original Sale Deed bearing Document No. 396 dated 07.05.1968 executed between Gauribidanur Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Niyamit, Gauribidanur (Purchaser) and Shri. Kadirappabin Gangappa (Vendor) pertaining to land admeasuring Ac.0-02Gts in Survey No. 67, situated at Alakapur Village, Gauribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapur District, and (ii) Original Sale Deed bearing Document No. 946 dated 21.06.1975 executed between Gauribidanur Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Niyamit, Gauribidanur (Purchaser) and Shri K.N. Ashwathnarayan (Vendor), pertaining to land admeasuring Ac.2-00Gts in Survey No. 76 situated at Vedalavani village, Gauribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapur District, both registered at Sub-Registrar Office, Gauribidanur.

A Complaint has been lodged with the jurisdictional Siruguppa police station regarding the loss of the aforesaid original document and the same has been registered as D.P. No.49/2025 dated 11.12.2025.

Any person having any claim, objection, or interest in respect of the said document or the property mentioned herein is hereby requested to notify the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that there are no claims or objections and the undersigned shall proceed accordingly.

For and on behalf of
NSL Sugars (Tungabhadra) Limited, Deshanur Village, Siruguppa Taluk, Bellary District, Karnataka,
Represented by its General Manager
Mr. Amarnath Jagirdhar

IN THE COURT OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER BENGALURU NORTH SUB DIVISION, BENGALURU 2nd FLOOR, KANDHAYA BHAVAN

RA.YLK.NO.532/2025

Between:

The Tahsildar and another **..Appellants**

AND:

Sri. Khayam Gutthadaar Venkatarathna Shettu **....Respondents**

Notice to Respondent

To

Respondent

Sri. Khayam Gutthadaar Venkatarathna Shettu S/o Venkatappa Shettu

The appellants has filed the above appeal for incorporate the name of the appellant No.2 in column No.9 and 12 measuring 3 Acre 19 guntas in Sy No.30, situated at Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli & Taluk, Bangalore -560092 as per the Gift deed and other relief/s mentioned there in.

Notice is here by given to you to appear in this Hon'ble Authority either in person or through counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above appeal on **17.01.2026** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Authority on this the **05.12.2025**

BY ORDER OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

BASAVANGUDI DVG ROAD BRANCH

Rathna Murthy Complex, Dr, DVG Gundappa Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004

APPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6)

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive (Symbolic) Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Indian Bank, Basavangudi DVG Road Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** on **21/01/2026,** for recovery of **Rs.1,69,94,306.19 (Rupees One Crore Sixty-Nine Lakhs Ninety-Four Thousand and Three Hundred and Six and Nineteen Paisa Only)** as on 01/01/2026 due to the **Indian Bank, Basavangudi DVG Road Branch,** Secured Creditor, from **1) M/s SF Enterprises (Borrower)** Proprietor: **Mr. Syed Faraaz** residing at Ground Floor, No.61-51-64/1, Opp Wilson Garden, Hosur Road, Arekaniapanahalli, Bengaluru-560027, **2) Mr. Syed Faraaz (Proprietor)** residing at No: 28, 6th Cross, 34th Main, TMCS Layout, JP Nagar, 1st Phase, Bangalore-560078, **3) Mr. Syed Faraaz (Proprietor)** residing at No 52, Duo Residency, Ballary Road, Near Flying School, MM Tower, Bangalore-560064. **4) Mrs. Sameena Akbar (Guarantor)** residing at No: 28, 6th Cross, 34th Main, TMCS Layout, JP Nagar, 1st Phase, Bangalore-560078, **5) Mrs. Khateeja Sadaf (Guarantor)** residing at No: 28, 6th Cross, 34th Main, TMCS Layout, JP Nagar, 1st Phase, Bangalore-560078.

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Mortgaged Assets: The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder:

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY - Property of Syed Faraaz W/o Syed Akbar

Item No.	Sl.No.Khata No. House No. Site No.	Extent areas of land/building	Location Sub-District/ District/Village/Municipality	Boundaries for entire property
1	Property bearing site No.09, present corporation No.64/8, formed in old property No. 9-21-2, corporation No.64/8, having PID No.61-51-64/8.,	Measuring east to west 20ft, North to south 20ft in all measuring 400sq.,	Property situated at Arekempanahalli within the limits of BBMP Ward No.61, Bangalore	East by: No.64/9 (site No.10) West by: private property North by: Munawar's factory South by: 13ft wide road

Encumbrances on property if any	**NIL**
Reserve Price	**Rs.48,14,000/-**
EMD Amount	**Rs.4,81,400/-**
Bid incremental amount	**Rs.10,000/-**
Date and time of e-auction at the platform of e-auction Service Provider https://www.baanknet.com	**21/01/2026, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm**
Property ID No.	**IDIB73040715022**

Bidders are advised to visit the website **(https://www.baanknet.com)** of our e auction service provider PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call 8291220220. For Registration status and for EMD status please email to **support.baanknet.com@psballiance.com.** For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: **https://www.baanknet.com** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd, Contact No.8291220220. Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://www.baanknet.com**

Date: 02/01/2026, Place: Bangalore **Authorized Officer, Indian Bank**

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE

B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

CASE NO: O.A.No.2265/2024

Between:

AXIS BANK LIMITED., ...Applicant

AND:

MAHENDRA AND MAHENDRA ...Defendants

To,

1. Mahendra and Mahendra S/o. Ramachandra K R/at. No.D3/1073, S No.21, Vinobha Road, Shubash Nagar, Mandya,Karnataka - 571 404

Also At: Mahendra and Mahendra K No.473, 5th Cross, Chamundeshwari Nagar, Mandya, Karnataka - 571 401.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs. 31,30,657/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Thirty Thousand & Six Hundred Fifty Seven Only)** amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **21.07.2026** at **10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day of **19/12/2025.**

By the Order of the Tribunal
Registrar-1 Debts Recovery Tribunal-1 Bangalore

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No: 67068 Dated. 31.12.2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

XXXXX-II-SWMPMU-143/2024-25

C-1952 : On behalf of the Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Dy. Commissioner (Sanitation), BMC invites tenders through e-Procurement in conformity with terms and conditions of the tender document in Two Bid System (Part-I): General & Technical Bid and Part II: Financial Bid /Price Bid/BOQ) from intending bidders fulfilling the eligibility criteria and other qualifying requirements mentioned in this tender document for **"Mechanical Sweeping and Allied Cleaning of Select Road Stretches under Package-III of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation for a period of three years"**. Each bid should be submitted online through the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in by eligible bidders. The bidders should have necessary portal enrolment (Digital Signature Certificate) under e-procurement process of Govt. of Odisha in required class/category. For queries, if any on this tender document, intending bidders may contact Dy. Commissioner (Sanitation)/Executive Engineer (Sanitation)/ Deputy Commissioner (Mechanical), Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation.

Indicative design and technical specification in Clause-6 (Minimum Technical Specification of Mechanical Road Sweeper) of the bid document.

1. Schedule of Events:

SL No	Description	Critical Dates
1.	Period of availability of tender document for bidding.	From 02.01.2026 (Time- 11.00 AM) to Dt.27.01.2026 (Time 5.00 PM)
2.	Pre- Bid Meeting	Dt. 12.01.2026 Time 12.00 Noon
3.	Submission of Pre-bid queries by bidders to email id: **dc-sanitation@bmc.gov.in**	Dt.13.01.2026 Up to 5.00 PM
4.	Last date and time for submission of proposal on online mode	Dt.27.01.2026 (3.00 PM)
5.	Date & Time of opening of proposal	Dt.27.01.2026 (4.00 PM)

2. Other details can be seen in the bidding document available in website tendersodisha.gov.in (for view, download and bidding) and in BMC Website www.bmc.gov.in (for view and download only).
3. All amendments, Clarifications, time extension etc. will be uploaded in the website only. Bidders should regularly visit the above website to keep themselves updated.
4. Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof subject to the limitations prescribed by Central Vigilance Commission.

By Order of the Commissioner, BMC
Sd/- Dy. Commissioner (Sanitation)
Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation

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Sai Sudharsan fractures rib, could be out for six weeks

India batter B Sai Sudharsan could be sidelined for more than a month after sustaining a rib fracture during a recent Vijay Hazare Trophy game against Madhya Pradesh, according to a report. Sudharsan, who isn't a part of India's white-ball setup, fractured the "anterior cortex of seventh right rib" while completing a diving run in Tamil Nadu's VHT game.

Jurel or Kishan in place of Pant? Selectors may make big calls today

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

WHO among Rishabh Pant, Dhruv Jurel and Ishan Kishan will be picked as the second wicketkeeper? Will Mohammed Shami finally return in the Indian colours after their title-winning campaign during the 2025 Champions Trophy in March? What lies in the future for Mohammed Siraj as far as ODIs are concerned?

These are the few key questions which are expected to be answered when the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee announces India's 15-member squad for the three-match ODI series against visiting New Zealand on Saturday. Vadodara will host the first match on January 11 followed by matches in Rajkot and Indore on January 14 and 18, respectively. That will be followed by a five-match T20I series with the opener scheduled on January 21.

Shubman Gill, who is scheduled to play two Vijay Hazare Trophy matches for Punjab starting with a contest against Sikkim in Jaipur on Saturday, is expected to be back as the captain. His return may lead to ouster of Yashasvi Jaiswal, who opened with former skipper Rohit Sharma in the recently-concluded three-match ODI series against South Africa and scored a hundred, from the playing XI. The Mumbai southpaw, however, could retain his place in the squad as a reserve opener.

Aside from Gill making an expected return, the biggest talking point ahead of the series has been Pant's place in the team. Pant last played an ODI way back in August 2024 against hosts Sri Lanka in Colombo. Incidentally, that was his only ODI with former India opener Gautam Gambhir as the chief coach. The left-hand batter was in the team as the reserve wicketkeeper during the South Africa series but didn't get a game.

With his numbers in the 50-over format below par (871 runs at an average of 33.5 from 31 matches), Pant had a chance to impress team management as well as selectors during the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy (VHT). The Delhi captain, however, couldn't fare as he was expected to, scoring 121 runs in four matches and managing a lone fifty.

His close rivals for the spot — Dhruv Jurel and Ishan Kishan — meanwhile piled on runs to bolster their claims. Kishan led Jharkhand to their first-ever Syed Mushtaq Ali title, paving his return to the India T20I setup for the upcoming World Cup. He then hammered a century for Jharkhand in the only VHT match he played so far. Jurel, too, looks in sublime form as he scored an unbeaten 160 to amass 324 runs from four matches. Given the fact that India only play the format next in June, the selectors might retain Pant in the team and give him a game to showcase his skills. However, they can also include either Jurel or Kishan in the squad to give them enough time to prepare for the 2027 ODI World Cup.

Another important discussion during the meeting could be related to pacers. It was learnt that Hardik Pandya and Jasprit Bumrah are likely to be rested keeping the T20 World Cup in mind. If the selectors also decide to give a break to Harshit Rana and Arshdeep Rana, who will also play for Punjab like Gill on Saturday, as they both featured in the South Africa series, then Mohammed Siraj and Mohammed Shami could come into the picture.

Siraj last played in the format during an away series in Australia and played only four SMAT matches for Hyderabad. Shami, on the contrary, has been toiling in the domestic circuit bowling more than 200 overs in the Ranji Trophy, SMAT and VHT.

The selectors could also discuss on middle-order batters and that can bring Sarfaraz Khan and Devdutt Padikkal into the picture as there is no clarity on Shreyas Iyer's fitness, who is at the NCA and expected to return on January 5.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

NUMBERS FAVOUR JUREL

- **324** runs Dhruv Jurel scored in 4 Vijay Hazare matches including a hundred and two fifties
- **121** runs Rishabh Pant made in as many matches that included a fifty

SHAMI'S DOMESTIC GRIND

- **206.3** overs Shami bowled during Ranji, Vijay Hazare and Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy
- **15** matches he played till Jan 2 (4 Ranji, 4 VHT and 7 SMAT)
- **32** wickets he has claimed (20 Ranji, 8 VHT and 16 SMAT)

RIC & MARIJNE BIG DRAWS POST HARENDRA EXIT

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

INDIAN women's hockey is set for a massive overhaul. The coach of the team, Harendra Singh, has stepped down citing personal reasons but the writing was on the wall of his imminent exit.

It is understood that former women's coach Sjoerd Marijne, who helped India to a fourth finish at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in 2021, could be his possible replacement. Dutch coach Marijne had resigned in 2021 after the Olympics and apparently have been approached and is most likely to join soon.

Incidentally, Marijne, who had coached the men's team and was ousted following dismal show at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, also had a fallout with Hockey India due to some 'unacceptable' contents of his yet to be published book.

Harendra has cited personal reasons for his stepping down but if sources are to be believed his below-par performance since he joined the team April last year led to his exit. It was learnt that he has lost the confidence of the dressing room and his methods were being questioned openly. Sources said Hockey India officials had meetings with all the players in Bengaluru as well following which the decision was taken.

Not just Marijne, there is a buzz that Ric Charlesworth, who was associated with India hockey as coach and technical director in the past, might join the women's team as a mentor. The factor that works in the Australian coach favour is his familiarity with Indian hockey and how it functions. Given his previous association with the teams in different capacities, Charlesworth won't need time to adjust.

The women's team has been through some torrid times ever since they finished fourth at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

Sjoerd Marijne

SECOND INNINGS

- Marijne returns as chief coach of India women's hockey team
- Also returning to the Indian hockey setup is South African Wayne Lombard
- Lombard once again will serve as scientific advisor and head of athletic performance
- Lombard will be supported by Rodet Yila and Ciara Yila, both in the role of scientific advisor
- Matias Vila, a former Argentina midfielder, will serve as analytical coach

On Dec 2, this daily had reported that Marijne was in line to take charge

Marijne returns as women's hockey team chief coach

ENS/AGENCIES @ Chennai

DUTCHMAN Sjoerd Marijne, who is credited for India women's hockey team's historic fourth-place finish at the Tokyo Olympics, returns to the side as the chief coach. He will replace Harendra Singh, who resigned last month citing personal reasons. However, the team's below-par performance during his tenure and his high-handed coaching approach reportedly cost Harendra the job. This daily reported on December 2 that the 51-year-old Marijne will be back as the head soon after Harendra tendered his resignation to Hockey India (HI).

Marijne, who was associated with the team from 2017 to 2021, will be supported by Matias Vila as analytical coach. Also returning to the Indian hockey setup is South African Wayne Lombard, who will once again serve as scientific advisor and head of athletic performance.

"It's great to be back. After 4.5 years, I return with fresh energy and a clear vision to support the team's growth and help the players achieve their full potential on the world stage," Marijne stated in a press release issued by HI. Marijne quit immediately after the 2021 Games. During his tenure, India had also broken into the top 10 of world rankings.

Vila, a former Argentine midfielder, made his international debut in 1997 and represented his country at the Olympic Games in 2000 and 2004. He has been involved in coaching for over two decades. Lombard, on the other hand, will be supported by Rodet Yila and Ciara Yila, both in the role of scientific advisor. Marijne's first big challenge as chief coach will be the World Cup Qualifiers in Hyderabad, Telangana from March 8 to 14. He is expected to arrive in India on January 14.

OF PAST ORDEALS & NEW YEAR AGENDAS

From being forced to miss two years after failing a dope test to winning bronze with Indian hockey team in 2024 Olympics, Jarmanpreet Singh has come a long way; Ahead of HIL, the 29-year-old talks about his aspirations & more

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

ASSUMING the role of captaincy for Hockey India League outfit SG Pipers seems to have brought a new lease of life for one of India's top defenders Jarmanpreet Singh. From being forced to sit for two years due to a failed doping test in 2015 to winning bronze with India in the 2024 Paris Games, the 29-year-old has come a long way in life. The defender from Punjab is keen to help his team to put on an improved show as the league is set to begin in Chennai from Saturday. In a free-wheeling chat with this daily, Jarmanpreet opened up about the challenges that he faced following the doping suspension and his preparations for this year amongst other topics. Excerpts...

● On how the new-look Pipers team is blending with the new coach

I think this season, there has been a lot of changes in our team — new coach, new players and foreigners. I got the role to lead the team this time. Head coach Tim Oudenaller has a new style of playing. So, we are very excited to play. It is my first time working with him. He has given the players a lot of ideas. So, I think this is very good for our team and for the future. So the team will try to improve their performance from last year. We will try to come in the top four.

● On new team director and ex-teammate PR Sreejesh

I think his experience will be very useful for the team. He has a very good experience of playing and he is a double Olympic medallist. He has been representing Indian Hockey for many years. I think he can help the team a lot, and he is doing it. It is good for the team to have such former players.

● On serving the two-year dope ban

It might sound like it's just two years but it felt like a long period. You have to be mentally strong. My family helped a lot in my mental strength. During the ban, people kept asking again and again, 'What happened? Why aren't you playing in the Indian team? You were in the team just now. How did you come out?' When people get to know that I failed the dope test, they seem to have no knowledge of what a dope test means. They think that it is drugs. They start looking at you as if you are doing something wrong. But that time, I had my family with me. They supported me. They said, 'We are with you. Keep working hard. And, because it is two years, you need to be mentally strong. Otherwise, you quit.' So, I think my family has helped me a lot especially, when people tried to bring me down and when people tried to avoid me during practice.

I practised alone with my brother, Sandeep. He kept helping me till my ban got over. Technically, you can do as much as you want but, you need competition physically, you need to know how to manage defenses and you need attackers.

If I had any problem, Sandeep helped me. Even to this day, he helps me whenever I have a problem. Like a right arm, he is always with me. So from this two-year period I learnt a lot. I want to make the next generation aware of these things.

● On the coming year with regards to Asiad & hockey World Cup

As an individual, I am trying to work on my skills. Because the upcoming year is big. Firstly, we will play the FIH Pro League immediately after HIL. In the HIL, you get a different type of competition. This will help players improve their individual skills. Then, there is the World Cup in which we have not won a medal for 50 years. So, we will try to bring it back. Otherwise we have the Asian Games, which will act as a qualifier to the Olympics. We have already started preparing for this. As a team, we are working very hard under head coach Craig Fulton. We recently went on a team bonding tour to South Africa which was very important for our team. Individually, I am trying to focus on my tackling and man-to-man marking. Attacking wise, I am trying my best to see how much I can help feed the players with passes.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Focus on HIL

The seventh edition of the Hockey India League (HIL) may hold more significance than the previous editions. The league, which is being held across three cities, is set to kick off in Chennai today. With the HIL set to finish a few weeks before the FIH Pro League, every player will be keen on making their mark ahead of a busy year. A look at the tournament...

NEW-LOOK SIDES

Post the mini-auction in September, teams have a new look. This makes this edition more intriguing. Vedanta Kalinga Lancers, defending champions Shrachi Bengal Tigers and SG Pipers have good squads on paper. But finalists Hyderabad Toofans, HIL's Governing Council team, Ranchi Royals and Accord Tamil Nadu Dragons cannot be counted out. With three cities — Chennai, Ranchi and Bhubaneswar having teams, expect strong support for Dragons, Royals and Lancers. This may likely give them the edge over the rest of the teams.

SCHEDULE

Chennai leg:	Jan 3-9
Ranchi leg:	Jan 11-16
Bhubaneswar leg:	Jan 17-26

8 Teams will play a double-round format and the top four will feature in qualifiers, eliminators before the final.

OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIANS

Ahead of a year which includes Asian Games and the FIH Hockey World Cup, a good outing in this league could act as a big confidence-booster for Indians. It will be vital for the Indians to get some rhythm ahead of the all-important home leg of aforementioned FIH Pro League next month.

Teams	Captains
Soorma HC	Harmanpreet Singh
SG Pipers	Jarmanpreet Singh
TN Dragons	Amit Rohidas
Hyderabad Toofans	Sumit
HIL GC	Hardik Singh
Vedanta Kalinga Lancers	Sanjay & Arthur Doren (Co-captains)
Shrachi Bengal Tigers	Jugraj Singh
Ranchi Royals	Manpreet Singh

Captain Gill and Rahul set for Vijay Hazare duty

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

Select matches

Group A: Ahmedabad: Rajasthan vs Tamil Nadu; Jharkhand vs Kerala; Karnataka vs Tripura. **Group B: Rajkot:** Jammu & Kashmir vs Uttar Pradesh; Chandigarh vs Hyderabad. **Group C: Jaipur:** Punjab vs Sikkim; Maharashtra vs Mumbai. **Group D: Alur:** Andhra vs Gujarat, Haryana vs Odisha; Delhi vs Services (CoE 2 Bengaluru).

INDIA Test and ODI captain Shubman Gill, pacer Arshdeep Singh and wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul will play for their respective state teams and join an array of stars featuring in the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy. Gill and Arshdeep will turn up for Punjab in their Group C match against Sikkim at the Jaipuria Vidyalaya Ground, Jaipur on Saturday. The duo will also play Punjab's next match against Goa scheduled on January 6.

Just like former India skipper Virat Kohli played two matches for Delhi behind closed doors at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence Ground in Bengaluru, no crowd will be allowed for the Punjab match as well due to security concerns and lack of seating arrangements for spectators.

Rahul, who is a certainty for the upcoming New Zealand series, will be part of Karnataka, who have won all of their four matches so far and sitting at No 2 in the Group A points table behind Madhya Pradesh, in their clash against Tripura in Ahmedabad. A Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) official confirmed Rahul's participation when enquired about it by this daily.

Kohli, who has scored 208 runs so far with the help of a century and a fifty each, is likely to return to his domestic side and play one more match before joining the national team for ODIs against the Kiwis. Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) president Rohan Jaitley told this daily that Kohli may play against Railways on January 6.

The match at the moment is scheduled to be held in Alur. Once again, Kohli, if he takes the field, may have to ply his trade with no general public in attendance given the security issues and no seating arrangements for spectators.

Retiring Oz star Khawaja slams 'racial stereotyping'

AGENCIES @ Sydney

USMAN KHAWAJA said Friday he will retire from international cricket after the fifth and final Ashes clash against England, leaving a legacy as Australia's first Muslim Test cricketer while lashing out at perceived "racial stereotyping" during his 15-year career.

The 39-year-old will pad up for the last time, should he be selected, when the Test gets under way in Sydney on Sunday, ending months of speculation about his future.

"The number one emotion is contentment. I'm very lucky to have played so many games for Australia the way I have," Khawaja said. "I hope I have inspired people along the way. "I'm a proud Muslim coloured boy from Pakistan who was told that he would never play for the Australian cricket team. Look at me now, and you can do the same," he added.

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FOOTBALL

Sunderland's Nordi Mukiele (L) & Man City's Erling Haaland in action | AFP

Manchester City's charge stalls at Sunderland

AGENCIES @ London

MANCHESTER CITY trail Arsenal by four points at the top of the Premier League after failing to end Sunderland's unbeaten home record in a 0-0 draw on Thursday, while Liverpool were also held by Leeds.

In a goal-shy start to 2026, three of the four New Year's Day fixtures ended without a goal as Tottenham also played out a 0-0 draw on Thomas Frank's return to Brentford.

City had won eight consecutive games to end 2025 and cut the gap on the Gunners to just two points. But they were unable to respond to Arsenal's impressive 4-1 demolition of third-place Aston Villa on Tuesday despite creating a host of chances against a depleted Sunderland. Bernardo Silva had a City goal ruled out for offside just six minutes in.

"It's a mystery," said City boss Pep Guardiola on his side's inability to score. "We created a lot, especially in the second half. We take the point, it's a long way (to go)."

Liverpool boss Arne Slot bemoaned his side's lack of "individual special moments" as the English champions struggled to break down a resilient Leeds in a goal-less draw at Anfield.

The Reds were toothless in attack without the absent Mohamed Salah and Alexander Isak and were only saved from defeat late on by a tight offside call.

Results: Sunderland 0-0 Man City; Brentford 0-0 Tottenham; Crystal Palace 1-1 Fulham; Liverpool 0-0 Leeds.

EXPRESS READ

WTT Youth Contender: Divyanshi advances

VADODARA: Defending champion Divyanshi Bhowmik, Syndrela Das, Japan's Miku Matsushima and rising star Tanishka Kalbhairav kicked off their U-17 girls singles campaign in the WTT Youth Contender with comfortable wins in the group stage here on Friday.

Over 250 wrestlers to go under the hammer

NEW DELHI: Over 250 wrestlers, including Paris Olympic bronze medallist Aman Sehrawat, will go under the hammer at the Pro Wrestling League player auction here on Saturday. The league is set for a high-profile return to competitive action after a six-year hiatus.

SA20: Thrilling victory for Joburg Super Kings

JOHANNESBURG: Joburg Super Kings beat Durban Super Giants in first-ever Super Over finish in a SA20 thriller and top the points table. After both teams scored 205, Durban could manage just 5/1 in the Super Over. Rilee Rossouw smacked two fours to help Joburg record their third win.

Viruses on plastic surfaces could be contributing to the spread of antibiotic resistance, raising environmental and public health concerns, researchers said, highlighting the need for more research on viral behaviour on plastics

NATIONAL MANUFACTURING MISSION A WIN FOR WIND ENERGY, TO SPUR DOMESTIC INNOVATION

INDIA'S annual capacity addition for wind energy is estimated at around 10 GW, so that the cumulative adds up to 100 GW by 2030. The country has already installed around 53 GW and hybrid and mixed resource projects are expected to bring an additional 14 GW to 15 GW. The country is also the third largest wind manufacturing hub and domestically, the wind energy potential at 120 metre (above ground level) is calculated to be an impressive 695 GW.

Yet, it's in India's interest to boost the momentum for which unlocking green financing will play a critical role. The applications and benefits will be diverse: Matching the global standards of 10MW+ turbines on average, where Indian original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) mostly manufacture in the 2MW-3MW range, upgrading its competency to manufacture high-precision components that withstand the harshest offshore conditions and expanding its volume of output to strengthen its share in export markets.

Boosting domestic output

The country's capacity to manufacture wind turbines currently is around 20 GW, with its companies accounting for 12% of global nacelle shares, 10% of blade manufacturing, 13% of towers and most promisingly, 17% of global gearbox capacity. This bodes well for us since globally, the wind energy industry is slated to add its second terawatt (TW) of installed capacity by 2030. That's a massive acceleration because the first TW was achieved in 2023. The demand is driven by the opportunity to supply 24X7 renewable power across countries, and that even heavy industries, such as steel, cement and railways, are actively pursuing clean power consumption. Low-cost funds that also collaborate with the OEMs to drive innovation and high product quality, thus, present a win-win prospect for all stakeholders. Manufacturing backed by export-credit guarantees adds an additional layer of confidence. Also, when it comes to offshore applications, India must grow its capabilities and capacities domestically; imports will expand the installations, but not the country's competitiveness.

GIRISH TANTI
Executive vice chairman, Suzlon Group

De-risking projects

That two offshore capacity auctions were cancelled in 2025 show that despite the government's efforts, the domestic market has not moved as anticipated. The pace of progress for onshore projects since 2021 has not met projections either. One of the factors is that wind energy is not something that offers equal prospects throughout India. Western and southern states offer the most potential primarily because of their location and topography with annual average wind speeds of 10-15 kmph. That explains why Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu lead the segment. Conversely, this implies that successfully tapping into the rest of the country's wind potential would necessitate a much greater density of installations, or advanced turbine designs to extract the most power from every sweep of the blades.

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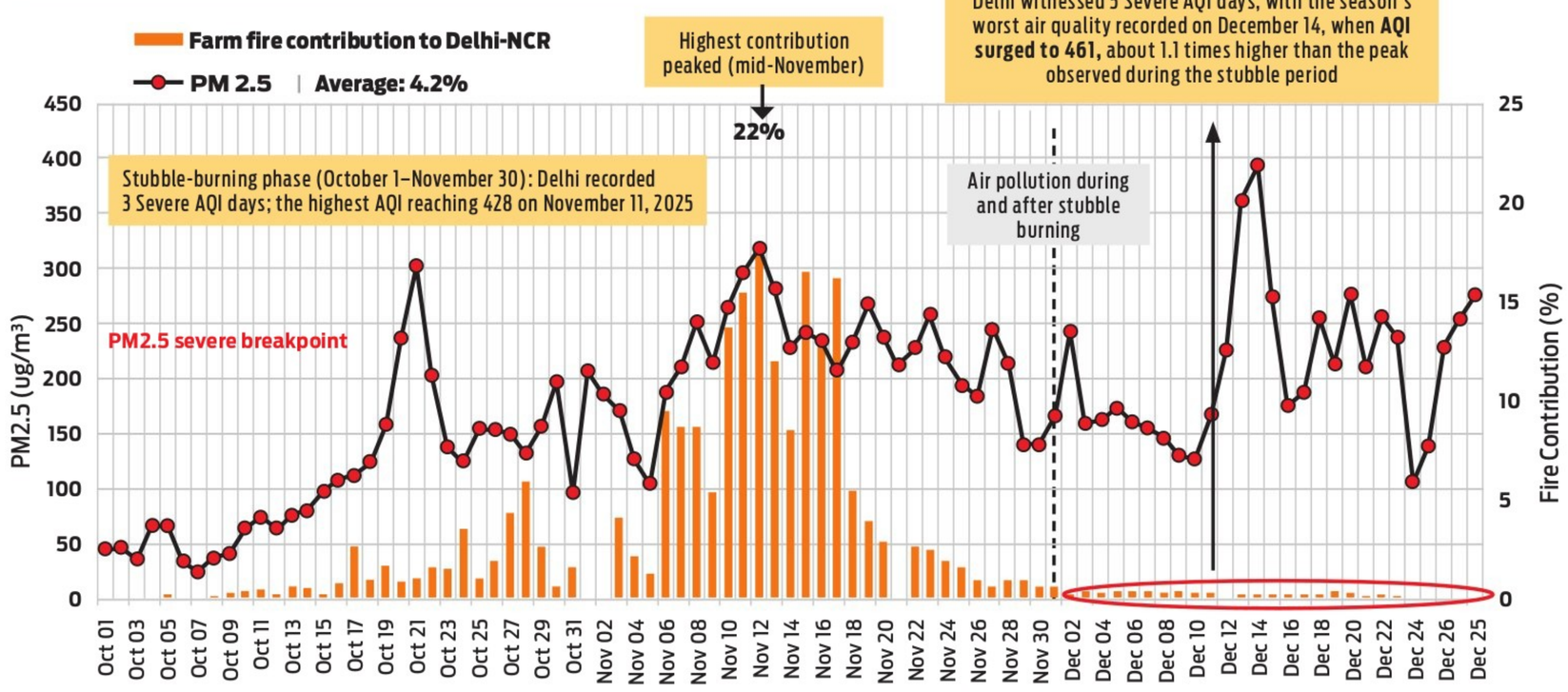
Naturally, this would raise the project costs and the levelised cost of electricity/energy (LCOE) in the absence of heavy subsidies. But long-term competitiveness comes from self-sustainability, so that assistive measures such as Viability Gap Funding can be phased out.

Secondly, offshore wind farms are costly and require specialised installation skills. Unlike onshore capacity auctions, it would be best not to subject offshore projects to competitive reverse bidding; the developers' already thin margins through this route are particularly vulnerable to global tariff shocks and supply chain disruptions.

NMM assistance

The National Manufacturing Mission (NMM)'s announcement in the Union Budget 2025 came at an opportune moment because it recognises the need to extend greater support to domestic manufacturers. The Mission will do so by not only waiving customs duties for critical components (such as components for gearboxes and turbine blades), but also will actualise programmes such as Renewable Energy Research and Technology Development (RE-RTD) to spur domestic innovation. Additionally, one of its goals is to scale up domestic component sourcing from 35-40% at present to 55-60% by 2030 for which developers must source from an approved list of manufacturers. However, to tide over the high levels of import dependence, massive amounts of investment are required. A report earlier this year quoted the figure at roughly USD 68 billion a year for renewables in India through 2030. Clearly then, reengaging with global investment groups – public and private – is necessary, and we hope that a timely congregation such as the Bharat Climate Forum unlocks these partnerships. As with the industry itself, the potential for collaborative financing is immense, so renewed conversations backed by the NMM's support would be a welcome start.

DAILY PM2.5 TREND DURING STUBBLE AND POST-STUBBLE PERIOD (OCT 10 TO DEC 25, 2025)


Farm fire contribution to Delhi-NCR
PM 2.5 | Average: 4.2%
Highest contribution peaked (mid-November)
22%
Post-stubble period (December 1–29): Delhi witnessed 5 Severe AQI days, with the season's worst air quality recorded on December 14, when AQI surged to 461, about 1.1 times higher than the peak observed during the stubble period
Stubble-burning phase (October 1–November 30): Delhi recorded 3 Severe AQI days; the highest AQI reaching 428 on November 11, 2025
Air pollution during and after stubble burning
PM2.5 severe breakpoint
PM2.5 (ug/m³)
Fire Contribution (%)
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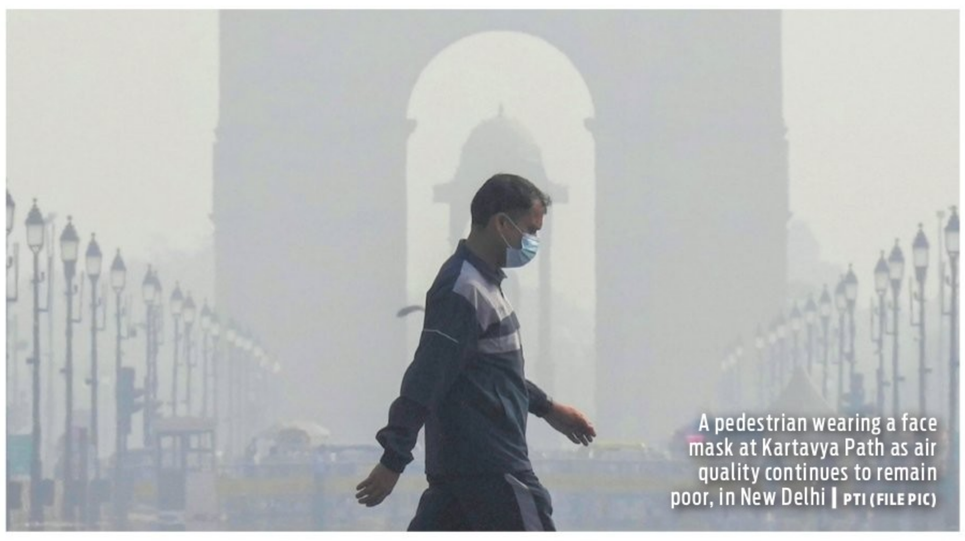
CAPITAL'S AIR POLLUTION

NEW ANALYSIS SAYS LOCAL SOURCES TO BLAME, NOT FARM FIRES

A new analysis provides strong evidence that Delhi-NCR's winter air pollution is not solely due to farm fires. After a severe spike in PM2.5 levels post-stubble burning, the analysis indicates the national capital city needs year-round checks on local and regional pollution sources like vehicular, industrial emissions and waste burning sources



A pedestrian wearing a face mask at Kartavya Path as air quality continues to remain poor, in New Delhi | PTI (FILE PIC)

While the farm fire contribution to PM2.5 levels drops sharply in December, the average PM2.5 levels actually increase. The regional spikes in pollution are driven by local emission sources and urban activities, exacerbated by stagnant winter weather that prevents the dispersion of pollutants

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

AS the national capital's air pollution continues to stoke heated debates, a new analysis by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) takes a completely contrasting view that farm fires are the main villain, pointing to changing air quality trends in Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR). The analysis compared the 'early winter' months of October and November which are affected by farm fires to December, the 'post-farm fire' month, when the impact of stubble burning lessens. The study found that severe smog persists after the stubble-burning period, indicating that pollution remains a significant issue beyond farm fire activities. The data used for this analysis was sourced from government monitoring stations and institutions.

The findings challenge the popular notion that farmers in Punjab and Haryana are solely responsible for the severe pollution in the national capital during the winter due to crop residue burning. Instead, the report suggests that vehicular emissions, waste burning and wood burning for heat are more significant contributors.

The report titled 'Beyond the Burn: Delhi's Winter Smog Intensifies Even After Stubble Fires Fade' points to a concerning reality: Delhi's winter pollution does not dissipate once stubble burning ends; rather, it intensifies. According to the report, while the farm fire contribution to PM2.5 levels drops sharply in December, the average PM2.5 levels actually increase. This stark contrast between the declining influence of farm fires and rising pollution levels across Delhi-NCR indicates that local and regional sources such as vehicles, industry, waste burning and solid fuels for domestic cooking and heating are dominant.

The study found that most urban centres around Delhi-NCR experienced a sharp rise in pollution, while a few towns recorded declines. For example, Noida experienced a 38 per cent increase, Ballabhgarh saw a 32 pc jump, Baghpat recorded a 31 pc increase and Delhi had a 29 pc rise. Conversely, towns like Charkhi Dadri (28 pc decline), Panipat (23 pc decline), Rohtak (18 pc decline) and Bhiwani (15 pc decline) actually experienced decreased PM2.5 levels, with smaller declines in Sonipat and Alwar (8 pc each).

The analysis highlights that the regional spikes in pollution are driven by local emission sources and urban activities, exacerbated by stagnant winter weather that prevents the dispersion of pollutants. Additionally, a significant portion of the PM2.5 pollution consists of aged secondary aerosols that have travelled into the city, carrying chemical remnants from distant sources.

The government's own Decision Support System (DSS) emphasises the complexity of the problem. In the first fortnight of December, local sources within Delhi accounted for only about 35 pc of total PM2.5 levels, while the remaining 65 pc originated from neighbouring NCR districts and regions further away. Among local contributions, vehicular emissions were the primary source, accounting for nearly half of all local emissions.

The IITM and IMD introduced a Decision Support System (DSS) in 2021 to identify sectoral and regional pollution sources.

The report concluded that Delhi's smog is a combination of local emissions, regional inflows and secondary aerosol formation. It requires coordinated airshed-level action along with aggressive control of local sources, suggesting a need for year-round action against urban and regional emission sources to achieve a zero-emission transition.

BETWEEN STUBBLE BURNING AND POST-BURNING

CSE's analysis of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) real-time daily PM2.5 data demonstrated that winter pollution in Delhi cannot be attributed solely to stubble burning. The data revealed divergent trends that highlight the uneven distribution of winter pollution, heavily influenced by variations in local emission sources, urban activity levels and specific dispersion conditions. Pollution levels across the NCR generally peak in December (post-stubble burning), long after the contribution from farm fires has diminished, driven instead by local and regional sources.

Stubble burning period
(October 1 – November 30): During this phase, average PM2.5 levels stood at 163 µg/m³. Farm fires contributed approximately 4.2 pc to the total average, peaking at over 22 pc in mid-November. While these fires caused temporary spikes in pollution, air quality did not improve once the stubble-burning season ended.

Post-stubble period
(December 1 – 28): Contrary to expectations, air quality worsened after the farm fires concluded. The average PM2.5 concentration rose sharply to 210 µg/m³, representing a 29 pc increase over the previous period. This surge occurred even as the contribution from farm fires plummeted to just 0.2 pc. During this time, Delhi continued to experience 'very poor' to 'severe' air quality, with daily PM2.5 concentrations fluctuating between 107 µg/m³ and 393 µg/m³.

India's largest baryte reserve halved, could be exhausted in a decade: Study

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INDIA'S largest baryte deposit at Mangampet in Andhra Pradesh has seen its reserves fall sharply from about 49 million tonne in 2015 to under 23 million tonne in 2024, recording a staggering depletion of more than half in less than 10 years. A study by the Centre for Domestic Economy Policy Research (C-DEP) titled, 'Analysis of the Impact of Rapid Depletion of Baryte Reserves on Energy Security,' warns that the trend, fuelled mainly by exports, could undermine the country's long-term energy security.

The country is estimated to have around 22 billion barrels of oil equivalent yet to be explored across basins such as the Andaman Sea, Mahanadi, Bengal, Krishna–Godavari and Kerala–Konkan. Unlocking these reserves would require nearly 600 million tonne of baryte over time

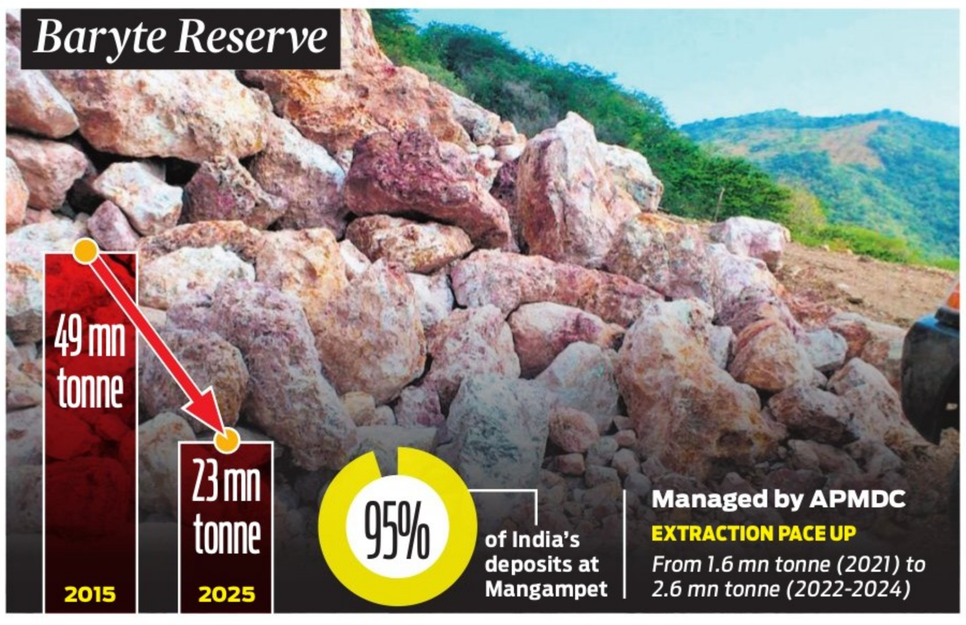
Baryte is a critical and non-substitutable mineral used in oil and gas exploration, particularly for preparing drilling muds that stabilise boreholes and prevent blowouts. Its high density, chemical stability and cost-effectiveness make it indispensable for drilling operations. The study also points out that baryte has strategic defence applications, including radiation shielding, radar systems and missile components, further underlining its importance.

India's baryte reserves are highly concentrated, with around 95 per cent located at a single deposit in Mangampet in Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh. Managed by the Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC), Mangampet is one of the largest baryte deposits in the world. However, proven reserves at the mine have declined sharply from about 49 million tonne in 2015 to less than 23 million tonne in 2024, marking a more than 53 pc decline in under a decade.

The pace of extraction has accelerated in recent years, rising from 1.6 million tonne in 2021 to about 2.6 million tonne annually between 2022 and 2024. At the current extraction rate of roughly 2.7 million tonne per year, the study warns that India's commercially viable baryte reserves could be exhausted within the next eight to ten years. The depletion, the study notes, is not driven by domestic demand but by exports. APMDC currently allocates about 60 pc of its baryte production for export. This trend intensified after China imposed export restrictions in 2018 to conserve its own reserves. As a result, India emerged as the world's largest exporter of baryte, supplying nearly 44 pc of total US baryte imports in 2023, while China's share fell to around 17 pc.

While exports generated revenue, the study revealed a growing policy contradiction. India, with less than 4 pc of global baryte reserves, is extracting and exporting the mineral at one of the fastest rates globally, even as countries such as China, the United States, Russia and Kazakhstan conserve their reserves for domestic energy and industrial needs. The US, despite having nearly 150 million tonne of baryte reserves, continues to import over three-fourths of its requirements to preserve its own deposits.

The situation is compounded by APMDC's financial obligations. The corporation has raised around ₹ 9,000 crore through government-backed bonds, with repayments tied to mining revenues. This has created pressure to sustain high levels of extraction and exports, even as reserves dwindle, locking the state-owned miner into a revenue-driven model rather than long-term resource conservation. The study cautioned that the depletion of Mangampet has serious implications for India's oil and gas ambitions. "The country is estimated to have around 22 billion barrels of oil equivalent yet to be explored across basins such as the Andaman Sea, Mahanadi, Bengal, Krishna–Godavari and Kerala–Konkan. Unlocking these reserves would require nearly 600 million tonne of baryte over time," it noted.



Domestic demand has already begun rising, with estimated baryte consumption increasing from 0.13 million tonne in 2021 to about 0.83 million tonne in 2024, reflecting a surge in drilling activity. Projections suggest domestic demand could reach 1.2 million tonne to 1.5 million tonne annually by 2030. At current depletion rates, existing reserves would be insufficient to meet this demand.

The study also flagged the impact on downstream industries such as oilfield services, paints, plastics and defence which are increasingly forced to import baryte at higher prices even as Indian baryte is exported at competitive rates, resulting in foreign exchange losses and missed opportunities for domestic value addition.

To address the looming crisis, the study recommended calibrated export restrictions, fiscal support to ease APMDC's debt burden, revision of the export allocation policy to prioritise domestic needs, and classification of baryte as a critical mineral under the National Critical Minerals Mission to align its management with India's long-term energy and strategic objectives.

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Its IPO, which took place three years later, was the largest one since the Ford Motor went public in 1956. The stock rose 32% by giving market valuation of $1.778 billion.

CHANGING INTERFACE

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TECH LEADER

Under Jobs's guidance, Apple became an industry leader and the most valuable companies in the world. Its other notable products include iTunes, iPod, iPhone & iPad.

What's happening in Bengaluru?

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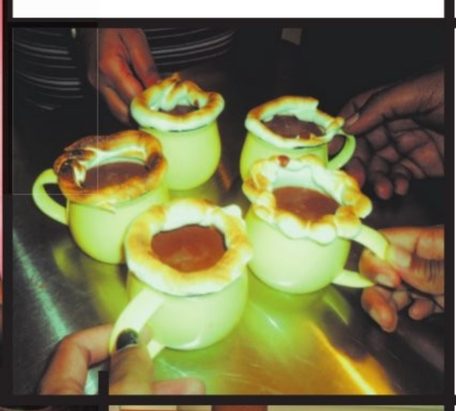
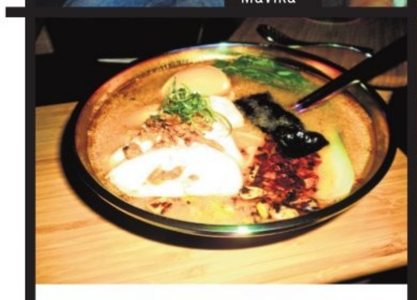
The desire that drives many is to take intentional photos

Driven by social media & nostalgia, Gen Z is going back to the digital cameras of their childhoods to capture memories on and off campus

Flash of the Past

Mavika





Rupkatha Dutta

Playing with colours

While these cameras don't allow for much control with ISO or aperture, enthusiasts have found ways to experiment in creative ways. "My friends and I tried putting physical filters on top of the lens – colours of cellophane paper to add tints and a holographic sheet for a prism-like effect. One of my friends adds fingerprints on the lens to get a dreamy look," says Bhandari. Dutta does something similar but substitutes cellophane for sunglasses. Nightlife lovers like Mavika may enjoy a trick she tries when around artificial light. She explains, "With the flash on, if you shake your camera a little, it will create trails of light and a messy background that has a tipsy look to it." Purushothaman adds, "The colours on digi cams are already appealing but if you edit the exposure, saturation or contrast a little, it takes pictures from 0 to 100."

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

A soft blur, flash that rendered backgrounds black and dates stamped in the corner – these little details take one back to the 2000s, when digital cameras were all the rage and photographs felt precious. As smartphone cameras grew crisper and clearer over the past decade, they replaced the small, brick-like devices. After all, why carry two devices on nights out, to college and trips when one will do? But now, in pursuit of nostalgia, Gen Z Bengalureans are bringing digital cameras back.

"After taking a photo, I remember putting it on my laptop and seeing this warm, fuzzy glow that I couldn't see on a phone camera. Maybe it's a sense of nostalgia, but it reminds me of a time I was too young to remember," says Agnij Purushothaman, who recently started using his grandfather's 2005 Nikon digital camera after discovering it still worked. This is a pattern among many enthusiasts, reclaiming cameras that once photographed their childhoods, but this time, taking the helm to recreate the same look. Rupkatha Dutta, a master's student in Communication Studies, who carries her father's old camera to class regularly, adds, "On social media, the content you see is so clear it almost hurts your eyes. But digital camera pictures are so soft, your eyes feel a little light."

For graphic designer Mavika B, 25, her digicam has become a constant companion on nights out, pointing out that she's been seeing more youngsters start to pull them out in restaurants and bars. "I love nightlife culture, so I love how digicam photos make it look like it's nighttime at all times," she says.

It's in the last year or so that the digital camera made a comeback, coinciding with the rise of Y2K, especially in fashion. Many youngsters went in search of a digital camera after seeing pictures taken on these devices populating social media. "In my friend group, there are three to four other people who also have these cameras and take pictures with the intention of looking cool with their blurry photos online," explains Nidhi Bhandari, a communications consultant.

She points out, however, that even if the results may end up on social media, the desire that drives many is to take intentional photos that don't get forgotten in a phone. "My phone gallery has pictures of bills, notes, pictures of signboards, because I didn't have glasses that day – pictures just get lost in this void. A digital camera needs more intentionality," explains Bhandari. Mavika adds, "It's also the physical aspect of this tiny object – that you turn it on and the lens pops out. Just that interaction with physical buttons in itself is fun and cute."

Many of these features are the draw of film photography, which has been seeing a resurgence since the pandemic, but digital cameras offer practical advantages that appeal to college-goers' budgets – not requiring film reel purchases or film developing costs. But, if you plan to buy an old camera instead of looking for it in the family attic, you'll find that prices have not decreased. "People have been reselling the cameras for a high price, though it's been 10 years since they were released. I found them going for ₹12,000 to ₹15,000," says Mavika.

Hot Spot

YOUR GUIDE TO GETAWAYS AROUND THE CITY

KUKKARAHALLI LAKE, MYSURU

Distance from B'luru: Approx. 145km

Getting there: Accessible by private vehicle

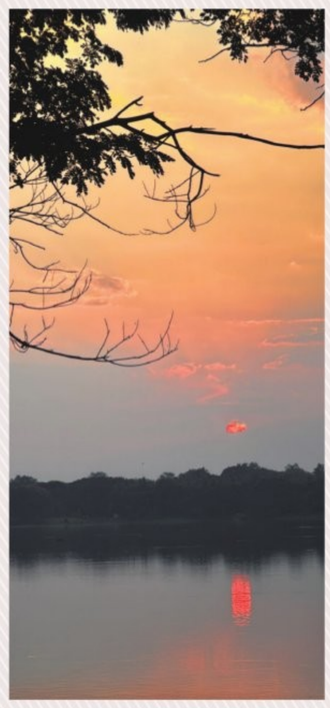
Timings: 6am to 9am and 4pm to 6.30pm

Entry Fee: Nil

Best time to visit: Till March

HIGHLIGHTS

A peaceful city lake ringed by tree-lined walking paths, ideal for evening strolls, birdwatching and quiet sunset views.



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Winter Party Syndrome

Festive Bingeing Triggers 25% Spike in Stomach Troubles

Every winter, Medicover Hospitals, Bengaluru, records a 20–25 per cent rise in gastroenterology-related OPD and emergency cases, particularly between December and mid-January. Doctors describe this seasonal surge as "Winter Party Syndrome", driven by binge eating, excessive alcohol consumption, late-night socialising and disrupted sleep during the festive period.

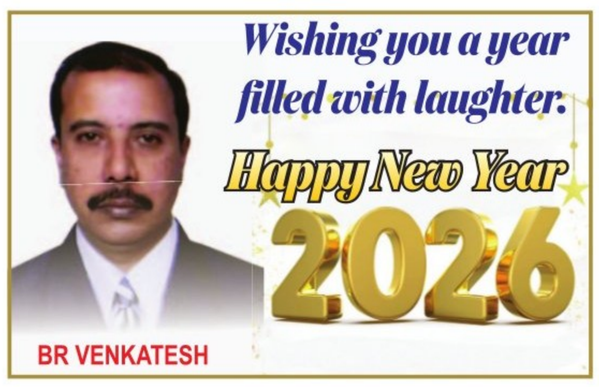
Hospital data from Kannada-speaking regions shows that adults aged 18–45 account for nearly 60 per cent of acidity, gastritis and acid reflux cases, with a near-equal gender split -- 55 per cent men and 45 per cent women. Late-night eating, particularly heavy, oily or sugary foods, frequently leads to next-day acidity, bloating and abdominal discomfort.

"This winter, most gastro cases are among 20–40-year-olds, largely due to irregular meal timings and late-night parties. Delaying dinner by two to three hours strains the body. Alcohol mixed with sugary drinks worsens the problem. Warm, fibre-rich foods such as soups, stews and fermented options like yoghurt help support digestion.
— Dr Sagar G, Consultant Medical Gastroenterologist, Medicover Hospitals, Bengaluru

Alcohol-induced pancreatitis is another growing concern. Short episodes of binge drinking, common during year-end celebrations, contribute to almost 30 per cent of acute pancreatitis cases in winter.

Cold weather further slows digestion, reducing gastric motility by up to 15 per cent and leaving the stomach feeling sluggish. Winter also sees a rise in viral gastrointestinal infections, causing loose stools, abdominal pain and vomiting.

Doctors at Medicover advise eating smaller portions, avoiding alcohol mixed with sugary drinks, staying well hydrated and maintaining at least a two-hour gap between dinner and sleep.



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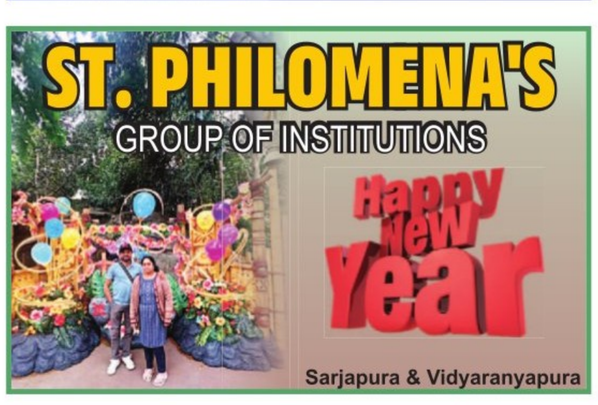

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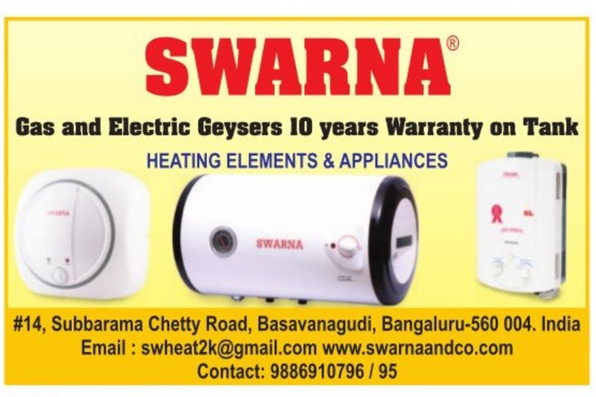
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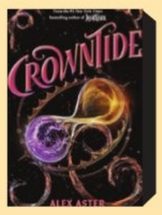

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By Alex Aster

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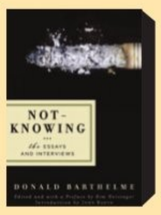

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By Donald Barthelme

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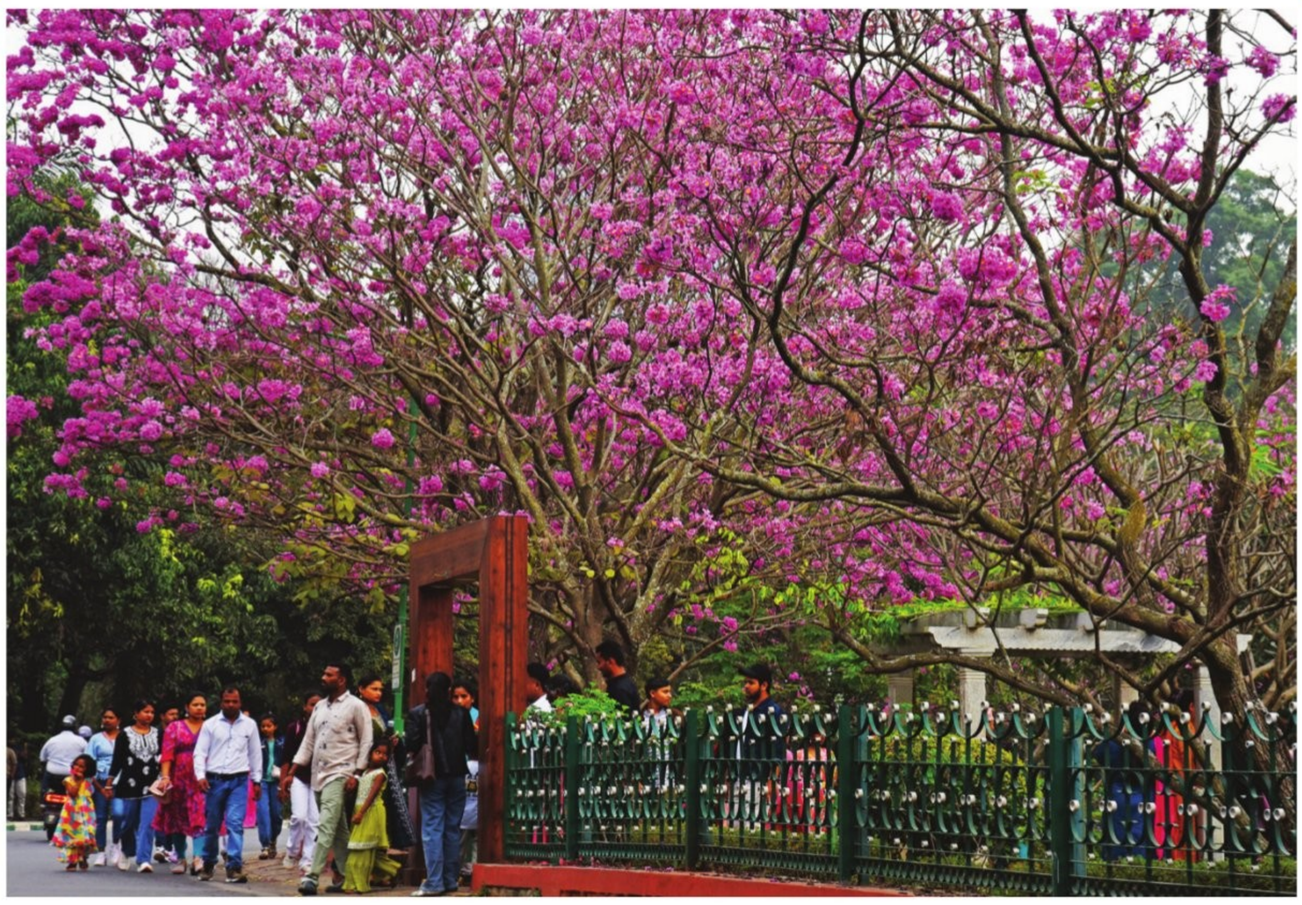

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NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

EKO (Malayalam)

In the misty hills of Kerala, the search for an enigmatic dog breeder pulls his wife and caretaker into a world of danger and murky secrets.

Cast: Sandeep Pradeep, Biana Momin, and Narain

- **Watch on:** Netflix

HAQ (Hindi)

In 1980s India, Shazia Bano seeks justice when her husband stops child support after remarrying. His attempt to silence her with triple talaq sparks a national debate on women's rights and faith.

Cast: Yami Gautam, Emraan Hashmi, Sheeba Chaddha

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FOREIGN

FOLLOW MY VOICE (Spanish)

After spending 76 days cooped up at home due to a mental health crisis, Klara does nothing but listen to her favourite radio show. She wonders if it's possible to fall in love with someone she heard on the radio but never met.

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A GUIDE TO HOW LONG SHOULD A WORKOUT LAST

For those starting their fitness journey, one of the most common questions is deceptively simple: How long should a workout last? With social media often showcasing marathon gym sessions, beginners may assume longer workouts equal better results. In reality, effective exercise is defined more by consistency and quality than by time spent.

UNDERSTANDING WORKOUT DURATION

For beginners, the focus should be on learning proper movement patterns, building basic endurance, and avoiding injury. Fitness experts agree that 30 to 60 minutes of daily exercise including warm-up and cool-down is sufficient for most people to see progress. Shorter, well-structured workouts performed regularly are far more beneficial than sporadic, lengthy sessions.

IDEAL WORKOUT TIME BASED ON GOALS

Workout duration can vary depending on what you're aiming to achieve:

For weight loss

- 45-60 minutes of activity works well.
- A mix of cardio (walking, cycling, HIIT) and strength training helps burn calories and boost metabolism.

For muscle building

- 45-75 minutes of resistance training is effective.
- Focus on different muscle groups on alternate days to allow recovery.

For general fitness

- 30 minutes of moderate movement such as brisk walking, yoga, or light jogging is enough.
- Consistency matters more than intensity.

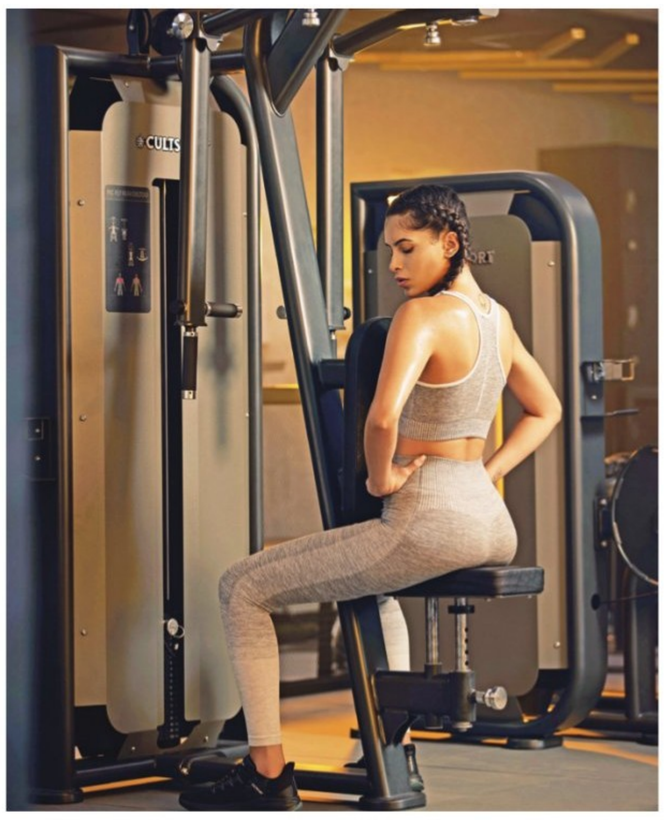
Tips for beginners

Starting slow and progressing gradually helps the body adapt safely. Key points to keep in mind:

- Begin with 3-4 workout days per week.
- Include rest days to allow muscles to recover and grow.
- Prioritise full-body movements that combine strength and cardio.
- Pay attention to fatigue or soreness and adjust accordingly.

Working out every day does not mean training at maximum intensity daily. Rest, sleep, hydration, and nutrition play a critical role in recovery and long-term results. A routine that feels sustainable is far more effective than one that leads to burnout.

There's no universal answer to how long you should work out each day. For beginners, 30-60 minutes of focused exercise is a practical and effective starting point. Over time, as strength and stamina improve, workouts can be adjusted. Fitness is not about doing more, it's about doing what you can, consistently and correctly.



By Dhruva Sivakumar, fitness expert, cult – a fitness and wellness platform

QUICKFIX

RAW PAPAYA SALAD

INGREDIENTS

- **Raw mango :** 1 cup
- **Tomato (chopped):** ¼ cup
- **Coriander leaves:** 1 tbsp
- **Onion (sliced):** ¼ cup
- **Roasted peanuts:** 2 tbsp
- **Spices and lemon**

METHOD

- Add raw mango, onion, tomato and coriander leaves to a mixing bowl.
- Sprinkle roasted peanuts on top.
- Add salt, red chilli powder and lemon juice if you like (optional).
- Toss everything gently until well combined.
- Serve immediately for a fresh, crunchy salad.

Contributed by **Divya Pasumarthy,** Bengaluru

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Game Claim

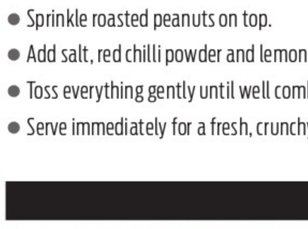
Step into a real-world version of the Among Us game where teamwork, bluffing and a little harmless chaos join to make the night unforgettable. This fast-paced experience promises to foster constant accusation and betrayal, ensuring every participant stays on edge throughout the game.

WHEN: January 3, 6pm
WHERE: Toffee And Talk, Jayanagar
DETAILS: allevents. in

Pieces of Identity

Watch *Jigsaw*, a contemporary comedy that pieces together the delicate puzzles of identity and parentage on the stage. This play shows a rare journey from the brutal intersections of global exploitation to the intimate, bittersweet search for one's origins.

WHEN: January 3, 3.30pm
WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Historic Walk

Take part in this heritage walk, which follows a route through the district to visit monuments and see architectural style buildings. Participants will observe features while guides provide dates and facts regarding the palace.

WHEN: January 4, 8am
WHERE: Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace, Chamrajpet
DETAILS: allevents. in

Ace Fun

Immerse yourself in the thrill of friendly competition, where laughter and quick-footed daring fill the corners. This could be your chance to turn ordinary days into a playful pace.

WHEN: January 4, 10am
WHERE: Play Arena, Central Jail Road, Kasavanahalli
DETAILS: district.in

Just Joking!

Take your humour-loving friends and watch medical mishaps meet mischievous humour at this show. It stitches together sharp wit and light-hearted folly for a dose of pure laughter.

WHEN: January 4, 4pm
WHERE: The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Trek Bound

A trek to Kunti Betta is being organised to bring together people interested in trekking on a steady path that winds through calm terrain and offers a top view. The route invites anyone seeking a straightforward day outdoors.

WHEN: January 3, 11pm
WHERE: Tripbae, Rajarajeshwari Nagar
CALL: 99166 27799

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THE VILLAGE LIFE

Moments that make ordinary friendship, labour and routine extraordinary are captured in artist Babitha Nair's acrylic painting

NUTRIWISE

Sadhvika Srinivas

(The writer is the director and chief nutritionist at LivStack Health and Performance, Adyar)

HYPING A NUTRIENT-DENSE FRUIT

PERSIMMON, a fleshy and fibrous fruit belonging to the Ebenaceae family, has recently attracted global attention for its impressive nutritional profile and wide range of therapeutic benefits. Although traditionally consumed in countries like China, Korea, Japan, Brazil, Turkey and Italy, persimmon cultivation is also widespread in India, especially in Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Tamil Nadu, where it is locally known as Japani phal.

For many years, persimmon remained underrated in several parts of the world, particularly in European regions where awareness was limited. But with rising consumer interest in functional foods and natural antioxidants, persimmon is now experiencing a surge in popularity. Asian cultures have long valued this fruit for its medicinal properties and modern research is beginning to validate these traditional beliefs.

Rich repository of nutrients and bioactive compounds

The commercial variety, Diospyros kaki, is a seasonal fruit available from October to December.

Despite its short availability window, it packs an impressive concentration of nutrients. Persimmon contains carbohydrates, dietary fibre, vitamins, minerals, phenolic compounds (such as ferulic acid, p-coumaric acid and gallic acid), and carotenoids, including beta-cryptoxanthin, lycopene, beta-carotene, zeaxanthin and lutein.

Its peel is particularly nutrient-dense, offering higher concentrations of minerals like manganese, iron, zinc, potassium, copper, calcium and magnesium compared to the pulp.

Persimmon is also rich in ascorbic acid (vitamin C), polyphenols, and tannins – key contributors to its antioxidant capacity. These compounds have been linked to benefits in cardiovascular health, cholesterol management and diabetes prevention.

Carbohydrate levels vary among cultivars such as Japanese, Fuyu, Chocolate and Japones, typically ranging between 17-19g per 100g of fruit. In processed forms, like peeled pulp, carbohydrate concentration can increase significantly, with glucose and fructose making up around 90 per cent of total sugars. Protein content, though modest, also varies widely across cultivars, reported between 0.64-6g per 100g.

Organic acids like malic acid, succinic acid and citric acid influence the fruit's flavour profile. The balance of these acids contributes to the characteristic sweetness of ripe persimmons and the astringency found in certain varieties.

Why persimmon is gaining hype?

As consumers gravitate toward natural, antioxidant-rich foods, persimmon stands out for its potent phytochemistry. Its bioactive compounds have opened new research avenues in diet-based strategies for managing lifestyle diseases. Although fresh persimmon is seasonal, its potential extends far beyond direct consumption. In India and worldwide, persimmon pulp, ready-to-serve beverages, ice creams, and even persimmon wine are emerging as innovative products that help retain nutrients while extending shelf life.

However, despite its versatility and strong health credentials, persimmon remains underutilised, a gap that the current wave of interest may soon close.

Health benefits

- **Cardiovascular protection:** Persimmon's fibre, antioxidants, and tannins support heart health by reducing LDL cholesterol, improving lipid profiles and preventing arterial stiffness.
- **Anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects**: Its polyphenols, flavonoids, and carotenoids combat oxidative stress and inflammation, reducing the risk of chronic conditions such as heart disease and neurodegeneration.
- **Digestive wellness:** High fibre content aids digestion, enhances bowel regularity and contributes to better blood sugar and cholesterol regulation.
- **Eye and skin health:** Beta-carotene, lutein and vitamin A promote eye health, while antioxidants help protect skin from ageing and environmental stress.
- **Improved metabolic health:** Persimmon compounds show potential in moderating blood sugar responses and reducing risk factors associated with metabolic syndrome and diabetes.
- **Potential cancer and neuroprotective effects**: Its rich antioxidant matrix may offer protection against certain cancers and cognitive decline, though more human research is needed.

Persimmon's rich nutrients and antioxidants make it a powerful, underused fruit with growing popularity for supporting health, wellness and disease prevention.

NUGGETS

Japanese street food now available for home delivery

Kokoro, located at One Shobha Mall, Church Street, has expanded its menu with a range of Japanese comfort dishes and is now available for home delivery. The new additions include dishes like crispy tamago, teriyaki chicken wings, kimchi futomaki and salmon & tamago sushi, alongside bowls such as tantanmen tofu ramen and tantanmen chicken ramen. The beverage selection has been refreshed with litchi lime, passion fruit and mango hibiscus iced teas. The menu also features value meal combos pairing gyoza or chicken wings with iced tea. Orders can be placed on the food delivery platform Swiggy, with prices starting at ₹260.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I,P. SRINIVASA, S/o Pedda Krishnappa born on 15-6-1976, Residing at C-3,93/1, Saraswathamma Residency, 14 th D Cross, Nagavarapalya, Bengaluru-560093. Henceforth be known as SRINIVAS P, before the notary GANGARAJU B. N dt 30 -12-2025

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUCHITHA**, W/o Manjunath .R, R/at Villa No. 10, Apex 1 Dwarakamai Apex Villa, Kannamangala, Bangalore-560 067 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **SUCHITHA** and **SUCHITHA A** are one and the same and refers to me only, but my correct name is **SUCHITHA**, vide affidavit dated 29th Dec. 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **C. GIRI BABU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **Mr. SREEJU GOPALAKRISHNAN** & **Mrs. HARITHA SARACHANDRAN NAIR**, presently residing at Flat No. J-302, Rohan Iksha Apartment, Bhoganahalli Road, Bellandur Post, Bangalore-560103, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that we have changed our daughter's name from Ms. **JAHNAVI SREEJU** to Ms. **JAHNAVI HARITHA SREEJU,** vide affidavit dated 01.01.2026, sworn to before K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GNANASOUNDARI BALASUBRAMANIAN**, aged about 43 years, W/o. Vijayanand K, No. H 133 Sumadhura Srinivasam Apartment, Seetharampalya Hoodi, Bengaluru-560048, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GNANA SOUNDARI VIJAY ANAND** to **GNANASOUNDARI BALASUBRAMANIAN**, vide affidavit dated 31.12.2025, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAKSHITHA.N** W/o R Jayanth, Residing at No.5, 29th A Cross, 1st Main Road, Behind Brundavana Apartment, Marutinagar, Yelahanka Bengaluru-560064. Hereby solemnly declare that my daughter's name is **GUNAKSHI.J**, but in her date of birth certificate it is wrongly mentioned as **GOWTHAMI.J**, request the concerned authorities to do the necessary changes as **GUNAKSHI.J** vide affidavit dated.08.12.2025 sworn to before Notary, **D Saralakumari**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, R Kavitha Aged about 50 Years, Residing at No. 11027, Prestige Jindal City, 2nd Floor, Building 1 Tower 1 11027, Tumkur Road 7th Bengaluru 560073. have changed my name from **KAVITHA SELVAMATHAN to R Kavitha.** vide affidavit dated 31/12/2025 sworn before advocate and notary S.T. Thippeswamy, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RANJITH KUMAR (New Name), Aged about 46 years, D/o. Sathyanarayanan, residing at Flat No.103, Ashrith Aspire, 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, Opp. Janhavi Enclave Royal Shelters, BTM 4th Stage, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560 076, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from RANJITKUMAR S (Old Name) to RANJITH KUMAR (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as RANJITH KUMAR (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 01/01/2026, before Notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BINDU FREEDA RODRIGUEZ,** aged about 55 years, D/o. Cyril Harrison Rodriguez, residing at No. 2, Sankeerthan, 6th Cross, M R Garden, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560032, do hereby declare that the names **BINDU FREEDA DAS and BINDU FREEDA RODRIGUEZ** refer to one and the same person, i.e., myself. Vide affidavit dated 02/01/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **LEELA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **M. JANARDHAN PADIYAR**, aged about 48 years, S/o. Mabukal Rohithaksha Padiyar, and **B. JYOTHSNA KAMATH,** aged about 42 years, W/o. Sri M Janardhan Padiyar, residing at G-2, Anugraha Apartments, 31/32, Margosa Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003, do hereby declare that we have changed our son's name from **VENKATDHEEMANTH PADIYAR M** to **DHEEMANTH PADIYAR M,** vide affidavit dated 01.01.2026, sworn to before S.R. Paramashivaiah, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DILPREET VJ SINGH** W/o **VIKRAMJIT SINGH** resident of OMQ 168/3, HQ TC, JC Nagar Post, Hebbal, Bengaluru- 560006 have changed my name from **DILPREET VJ SINGH** to **DILPREET VIKRAM JIT SINGH** vide affidavit dated: 01/01/2026 Before Notary **R.Basavaraja** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHASHIKALA** residing at # 23, AMMA ASHRAMA ROAD, NEAR AMRITA VIDYALAYAM SCHOOL, BHUVANESHWARI NAGAR, BANGALORE KARNATAKA, 560056 have changed my name from **SHASHIKALA GOVIND to SHASHIKALA** vide affidavit dated 02/01/20256 sworn before advocate and notary Devaraja .E, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MASIULLA KHAN N, residing at: No. 24, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Near Abubakar Masjid, Maruthi Layout, BTM 1st Stage, Dharmaram College Post, Bengaluru-560029, have changed my name to **MASIULLA KHAN** affidavit dated 02/01/2026 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. CHANDRASHEKAR, Bangalore,

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DHAVAL RAMESH KHAIRNAR**, aged 39 years, S/o Ramesh Khairnar, R/at: Vilohi, Residency No.5, 5th Floor, 3rd A Cross Road, Bellandur Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560 103, That, my father's correct name is RAMESH KHAIRNAR and all documents my name is mentioned as DHAVAL RAMESH KHAIRNAR. Wherein RAMESH is my father name. In my Passport my father name is mentioned as RAMESHCHANDRA KHAIRNAR above mentioned both names one and the same person and my father only. My Father name Changed **"RAMESHCHANDRA KHAIRNAR"** to **"RAMESH KHAIRNAR"** vide affidavit dated 01/01/2026, Sworn to before Notary P.Nanjunda Advocate at Bengaluru .

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) K KALAIVANI,** Spouse of NO.JC-334688H, SUB, S KALIDOSS, Residing at Ward No.10, 104/81, Mani Nagar, First Street, Ratnam Nagar, Unjampatty, Theni (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 625531, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) KALAIVANI K** Vide Affidavit Dated 31.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs G Mangala,** D/o. Sri Ganga Hanumaiah, W/o. M. Gopal Krishna, aged about 61 years, residing at No. 1598, 21st Cross, 13th Main, B Block, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore-560092, do hereby declare that **G Mangala** and **Mangala G Krishna**, both the above names refer to one and the same person only, vide affidavit date 01.01.2026, sworn to before K.V. Nanjaiah, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NIVEDITHA PAVAN**, aged about 38 years, W/o. Pavan C A, No. 118, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, 2nd Main, R K Layout, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru-560070, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NIVEDITHA BASAVARAJU** to **NIVEDITHA PAVAN,** vide affidavit dated 31.12.2025, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I. **SAPNA**, R/a #27/3/529/13 AASHIRWAD MANSION, 2ND CROSS, 3RD BLOCK, VIVEKANANDANAGAR, RAMANAGARA - 562159, Have changed **SELF-Name-SAPNA**, Father name - **RIKHAB CHAND SISODIYA VIJAYRAJ**, Mother name - **LEELA RIKHAB CHAND SISODIYA** vide affidavit 02/01/2026 before Notary **T.V INDIRA** Ramanagara.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO.JC-334688H, SUB, S KALIDOSS, residing at Ward No.10, 104/81, Mani Nagar, First Street, Ratnam Nagar, Unjampatty, Theni (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 625531, Have Changed My Daughter **(OLD NAME) K HASHINI** to **(NEW NAME) HASHINI K** Vide Affidavit Dated 31.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHAITRA ANIRUDDHA**, D/o Prabhakar Brahmakal Subbarayamurthy, W/o Aniruddha, aged 41 years, residing at No. 2131, Sobha Clovelly, Uttarahalli Main Road, Near Prathana School, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru-560061, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHAITRA ANIRUDDHA** to **CHAITTRA BRAHMAKAL** henceforth I shall be known and called as **CHAITTRA BRAHMAKAL** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27/12/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **CHETHANA S.V** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I. MR. PRADEEP SADASHIVA KOTIAN, S/o Sadashiva Kotian, aged 36 years, residing at Flat No. 913, 9th Floor, Mahaveer Desire Apartment, Near Chikkabanavara Railway Station, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore - 560 090, I declare that below mentioned both names **Pradeep Sadashiva Kotian** and **Pradeep Kumar** belongs to same person and that's Me only. Henceforth my name for all purposes shall be read as **Pradeep Sadashiva Kotian,** vide affidavit dated 29/12/2025 sworn to before Anuradha D Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RASHMI GOPASHETTI** (old name), Resident of No 93, 1st Floor, 6th Cross, 2nd Main, Kengeri Upanagara, Kengeri, Bengaluru- 560060 have changed my name to **RASHMI B KEMPABASAPPANAVAR** (New name) vide affidavit dated: 2/1/2026 Before Notary **M.K.Devki** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARUNKUMAR V PAYAPPAGOUDAR, resident of #1047/A , 12th A Main, 5th Cross, near A2b restaurant, BTM Layout, 1st Stage Bangalore South Tavarekere, Bangalore Karnataka-560029 have changed my name to ARUN VEERANGOUDA PAYAPPAGOUDAR affidavit dated 16/12/2025 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. CHANDRASHEKAR, Bangalore,**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SOMAKKA**, aged 35 years, W/o Late Anand, residing at. No. 159, Sarjapura Main Road, Yellamma Temple, Kaikondrahalli, Carmeiram Post, Bengaluru 560 035,
My correct name is SOMAKKA, All documents my name is mentioned as SOMAKKA, Whereas in my Karnataka Bank Ltd. Account details my name is mentioned as SOBHA,the above said names **"SOMAKKA"** and **"SOBHA"** belongs to one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 15/12/2025, Sworn to before Notary P.Nanjunda Advocate at Bengaluru .

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) M ANTHONY SAMY,** ther of NO.JC-310523L, SUB, AROKIA BABU A, residing at House No.47, Shanthi Nagar, 5th Cross, Nanjikottai Road, Thanjavur (Vill & Post), Thanjavur (Tehsil & Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 613006, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) M ANTHONY SWAMY** And **DOB** from **01.07.1951** to **15.10.1951** Vide Affidavit Dated 31.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **RAGHAVENDRA H E** and **ASHRITHA H N**, Residents of No.252, near Grama Panchayath Office, Hirandyapanahalli Village Kanakapura taluk, Ramanagar District - 562119, have changed our daughter's name from **TAJAKSHARA H R** to **TEJAKSHARA H R**, vide affidavit dated 02.01.2026, sworn before notary Mohammed Hussain K, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Raghuttam Tirumalachar Navali,** S/o. Late Tirumalachar Navali, Aged about 54 years, R/at No. 16, Flat No. S2, Hightech Mallige, 2nd Main Amarjyoti Layout, Sanjay Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 094, do hereby declare that my name is **Raghuttam Tirumalachar Navali** and whereas by way of an inadvertent mistake, my name in my Passport and Bank records is mentioned incorrectly as **Raghuttam Tirumalachar Nawali.** That my name on my PAN Card and Aadhar Card is written correctly as **Raghuttam Tirumalachar Navali.** I have been using the name, that is **Raghuttam Tirumalachar Navali** for all purposes including in the Government, Semi Government and Private sectors. Vide affidavit dated 17.12.2025 sworn to before Puttaramaiah, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SYED MAZHAR**, R/at No.4/1, A Street, North Street, Neelasandra, Bengaluru-560047, have changed my minor son's name from **SYED MAZHAR SYED ABDUL RAHMAN** to **SYED ABDUL RAHMAN** vide affidavit dt:01.01.2026 Before Notary **A.R. Muneer Ahmed,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAGESH K, residing at # 23, AMMA ASHRAMA ROAD, NEAR AMRITA VIDYALAYAM SCHOOL, BHUVANESHWARI NAGAR, BANGALORE KARNATAKA, 560056 have changed my name from NAGESH to NAGESH K vide affidavit dated 02/01/20256 sworn before advocate and notary Devaraja .E, Bangalore**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KAVYA M, Presently residing at Flat No. E259, DS MAX Savera, Opp. Uttarahalli Lake, Uttarahalli, Subramanyapura Post, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560061, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that my name is changed from **KAVYA M** to **KAVYA VENKAT RAMAN** vide affidavit dated 01-01-2026 sworn before notary H G PADMANABHA RAO, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RHEMA JOANNA AMANNA,** D/o Kenneth Edward Amanna, resident of #35, 60 Feet Road, AECS Layout, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru-560094, have changed my name to **RHEMA JOANNA** vide affidavit dated 31/12/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU B.N,** Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Shylaja K.C.,** W/o. Ashok Kumar A.S, aged about 56 years, residing at No. 2955, Devarachikkanahalli Road, Shanthi Priya Layout, Behind Government High School, Begur, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560 068, I further state that, my name is **Shylaja K.C.** and the same has been entered in all my records but in my passport my name has been wrongly entered as **Ashok Kumar Shylaja** instead of **Shylaja.K.C.** Hence, I am swearing to this affidavit to produce before the concerned authorities. Advocate and Notary by **PUTTRAMAIAH.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MEGHA A HALAWAI**, W/o. Rohith B, aged about 36 years, residing at 1st Floor, House 2-22, bearing No. 9, 6th Cross, (New Ward No. 189) Srinivasa Layout, Hongasandra, Begur Hobli, (Opp Chowdeshwari Temple), Bangalore-560076, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MEGHA HALAWAI** to **MEGHA A HALAWAI,** vide affidavit dated 02.01.2026, sworn to before Dharani .P, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PAVAN C A (PAVAN CHANNAPATNA ASHOK)** aged about 43 years, S/o. Ashok Kumar Guptha, No. 118, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, 2nd Main R K Layout, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru-560070, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PAVAN CHANNAPATNA ASHOK KUMAR GUPTHA** to **PAVAN C A (PAVAN CHANNAPATNA ASHOK),** vide affidavit dated 31.12.2025, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) JOHN BRITO MARRY,** mother of NO.JC-310523L, SUB, AROKIA BABU A, residing at House No.47, Shanthi Nagar, 5th Cross, Nanjikottai Road, Thanjavur (Vill & Post), Thanjavur (Tehsil & Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 613006, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) JOHN BRITTO MARY** And **DOB** from **01.07.1961** to **31.12.1956** Vide Affidavit Dated 31.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sumedha Hegde**, W/o. Sri Shridhar Hegde and D/o. Sri Ganapati, aged about 40 years, presently residing at No.9, Vajrakaya 15th Cross, Ullal Main Road, Jnana Jyothi Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560056, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Sumedha G.** to **Sumedha Hegde,** vide affidavit dated 31.12.2025, sworn to before H.R. Karunakara, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIKRAMJIT SINGH** resident of OMQ 168/3, HQ TC, JC Nagar Post, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560006 have changed my minor Son's name from **AARAV JIT** to **AARAV JIT SINGH** vide affidavit dated: 01/01/2026 Before Notary **R.Basavaraja** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **ASHESH ARUN KUMAR** S/o Arun Surendrabhadur Kumar Resident at B-5, 603, Provident Welworth City, Doddaballapura Road, Marasandra, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru - 562163. Hereby solemnly declare that as per my Aadhar card my name is mentioned as **ASHESH ARUN KUMAR** and in my Old passport my name is mentioned as **ASHESH KUMAR**. Both the names belong to me only, Request the concerned authorities to do the necessary changes as **ASHESH ARUN KUMAR** vide affidavit dated: 31.12.2025 sworn to before Notary, **S R Ravikumar**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHWETHA .M** D/o Mariyappa, W/o Lokesha.T Residing at Maligenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District - 562210, Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from **SHWETHA .L** to **SHWETHA .M** vide affidavit dated.26.12.2025 sworn to before Notary, **A. Narayanaswamy** Devanahalli.

DECLARATION
I, Mr. Mahamed Wazeed, also known as Mr. Mohamed Wazeed, S/o Mr. Mohamed Riyaz, aged about 41 years, residing at Vila, 2nd Cross, Arqum Town, behind DAT Public School, Sadashivanagar, Tumkur, Karnataka - 572105, do hereby declare that my name appears as Mahamed Wazeed, Mohamed Wazeed, and Mohammed Wajid in various records, and that all such names refer to one and the same person i.e., myself, as affirmed by affidavit dated 01.01.2026, sworn before Aravind Patil G G, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru

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Makers of Darshan's *The Devil* celebrate piracy-free run

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DARSHAN'S latest outing, *The Devil,* directed by Prakash Veer has stepped into its fourth week in theatres, nearing 25 days, and has reportedly made a box office collection of ₹43 crores. While the makers, Shri Jaimatha Combines, have not officially announced the numbers, they are proud to highlight that the film has largely remained piracy-free. "We have fought it, and we have managed to successfully remove over 10,500 links, except for a few. We took it very seriously. There is a solution to piracy, but we are spending time fighting over it, and by the time we take action, the damage is already done, to an extent," the team shared, reflecting on the challenges of protecting a film in the digital era.

Prakash Veer

They elaborated on the impact of trolls and social media negativity, saying, "Today, more than promoting the film, we are fighting to protect it. Every hit cinema is hit with piracy. Moreover, social media negativity is demotivating the audience. People have started employing social media to kill films. I am not saying this happens with one category of films; it affects everyone." The makers stressed that real audience support is crucial, noting, "When support is real, piracy is zero, especially in the Kannada industry. Every filmmaker is finding ways and means to tackle it. *The Devil* has quietly done its business, and I am happy that we have come this far despite certain roadblocks. It's about effort and hard work over a few years."

Speaking about the personal satisfaction of creating the film, Prakash Veer adds, "Is it successful for me as a producer? Only when I take back some good memories home. The day somebody comes, shakes my hand, and talks about the film is when the happiness comes for a director. We can see it in their eyes. The last two years have been a great experience."

RISHAB SHETTY MARKS A UNIQUE MILESTONE IN INDIAN CINEMA WITH *KANTARA* FILMS

With the *Kantara* franchise grossing an estimated ₹1500 crore from theatrical and non-theatrical revenues, Rishab Shetty takes time to reflect on this achievement. He discusses his growth in cinema and the importance of taking on roles beyond just title

Rishab Shetty

A SHARADHAA

THE *Kantara* franchise has made its mark in Indian cinema history. The combined worldwide theatrical earnings of *Kantara* (2022) and *Kantara: Chapter 1* (2025), both from Hombale Films, have topped ₹1300 crore. When we add non-theatrical revenue, the franchise's total value is estimated to be around ₹1500 crore, making it one of the most successful cinematic properties to come from a regional industry.

What makes this achievement stand out beyond box-office numbers is Rishab's unique creative presence. Indian cinema has seen notable multi-talented artists like Guru Dutt, Ashok Kumar, and Raj Kapoor in Hindi cinema; Shankar Nag and Upendra in Kannada; and Kamal Haasan in Tamil. These individuals have successfully managed writing, directing, and acting in their films. However, in today's pan-India, multi-language film landscape, Rishab Shetty sets himself apart. By writing, directing, and acting in both *Kantara* films, he has become the only person in Indian cinema to achieve significant success in multiple languages on a national level.

Kantara, released in 2022, started as a deeply rooted Kannada film before becoming a nationwide hit. Its global earnings of over ₹450 crore were boosted by positive word of mouth, spiritual themes, and ongoing audience interest. Its success questioned long-held beliefs about the limitations of regional cinema. The prequel, *Kantara: Chapter 1*, expanded the franchise and collected around ₹850 crore worldwide, ranking among the highest-grossing Indian films of 2025, performing well in South India, the Hindi belt, and international markets.

Despite the enormous success, Rishab Shetty insists it was not planned with financial goals in mind. "This was not something done with intention. The first part of *Kantara* just happened. With *Kantara: Chapter 1*, we wanted to dive deeper into the world and the franchise."

When reflecting on comparisons between himself and past cinematic figures, Rishab acknowledges many inspirations. "There are so many influences—from Shankar Nag and Upendra to filmmakers like Raj Kapoor. I have learned from every filmmaker who has shaped their industry, and I've grown by viewing cinema from all perspectives."

While Rishab is preparing to focus on acting roles in 2026, starting with *Jai Hanuman*, he assures that directing remains important to him. "I might be busy with acting jobs, but behind the scenes, I'm preparing for my next directing project. That work will never stop—only the directing will take some time," he says, hinting that "a surprise is coming" and will be revealed soon.

My heart is full: Sudeep

CE FEATURES

KICHCHA Sudeep's latest Kannada film, *Mark*, continues to perform well at the box office. The action thriller is receiving positive feedback throughout Karnataka, with packed theatres, fan celebrations, and strong word-of-mouth highlighting the actor's performance.

Touched by the reception, Sudeep visited Santosh Theatre in Bengaluru and Sangam Theatre in Mysuru on December 31. He experienced the electric atmosphere created by the audiences. He shared his feelings on social media, saying, "My heart is full," after meeting fans and families who gathered to celebrate the film.

Looking back on the visit, Sudeep said, "The moments I spent there filled my heart with so much joy. Seeing families, children, and fans coming together to celebrate the movie reminded me of the true reason we make films."

Released during Christmas 2025, *Mark* is an action thriller written and directed by Vijay Karthikeyaa. This film marks Vijay's second collaboration with Sudeep after *Max*. It is produced by Sathya Jyothi Films in association with Kichcha Creations. In the film, Sudeep plays Ajay Markandeya, also known as *Mark*, a suspended police officer who gets caught up in a high-stakes mission involving crime, corruption, and a dangerous kidnapping ring. The film combines stylized action with emotional depth, appealing to both mass and family audiences.

Sudeep expressed his gratitude to fans for their unwavering support

Kichcha Sudeep

The cast features Naveen Chandra, Shine Tom Chacko, Guru Somasundaram, Vikranth, Yogi Babu, Roshni Prakash, Nishvika Naidu, and Deepshika in key roles. B Ajaneesh Loknath, who frequently collaborates with Sudeep, has composed the music for the film, with songs like 'Psycho Saithan' and '*Mast Malaikaa*' gaining popularity.

The success of *Mark* goes beyond ticket sales. Celebrations have been reported across Karnataka with fan-made reels, edits, street processions, and large gatherings outside theatres.

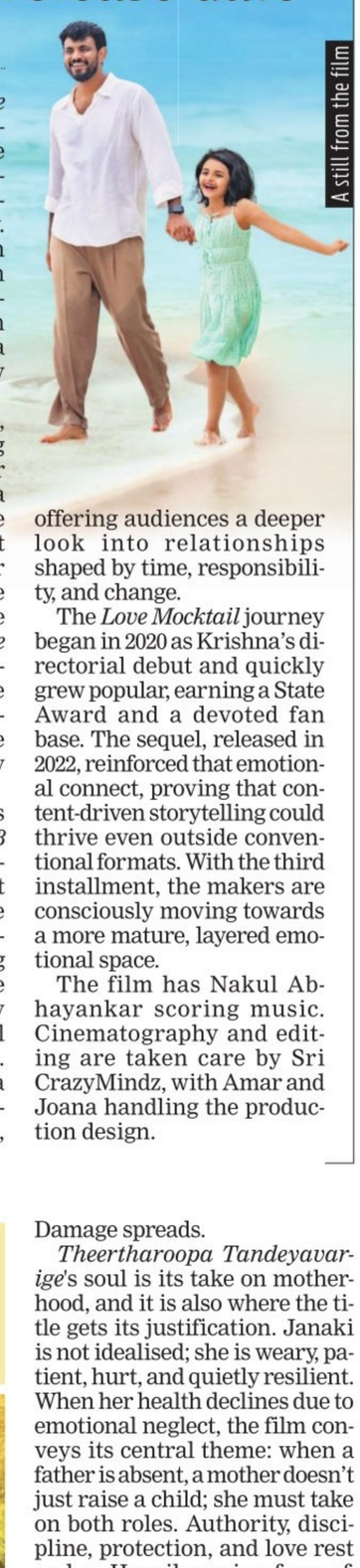
Sudeep expressed his gratitude to fans for their unwavering support, stating, "Thank you all for making *Mark* such a massive success. I'm thankful to see the love and celebration reaching every corner of Karnataka. Your reels, edits, street celebrations, and the crowds in front of theatres are beyond words."

As a New Year surprise, the actor released the '*Psycho Saithan*' music video on January 1, which quickly started trending online. He encouraged fans to keep sharing the song and concluded his message by wishing them a joyful 2026. "Wishing you and your family a very Happy New Year 2026! This release gives me even more motivation to entertain you with all my heart," he wrote.

Krishna locks *Love Mocktail 3* release date

CE FEATURES

THE makers of *Love Mocktail 3* have officially announced that the film will release in theatres on April 10, targeting the Summer window. The confirmation, which was done by the makers on New Year's, follows the recent unveiling of the motion poster of one of Kannada cinema's most emotionally resonant franchises.


A still from the film

Actor-director Krishna, who produces the film along with Milana Nagaraj under their home banner Krishna Talkies, has described the third installment as the most emotionally intense chapter of the series. While romance formed the emotional spine of the first two films, *Love Mocktail 3* takes a new narrative direction, placing the spotlight on a father–daughter relationship, a theme the team says feels both timely and deeply personal.

One of the key elements that connects *Love Mocktail 3* to its predecessors is the return of actors from the first and second installments. The makers have ensured narrative continuity by retaining familiar faces, allowing the third film to organically evolve from the emotional universe already established. Rather than functioning as a standalone story, the film expands the franchise's world, offering audiences a deeper look into relationships shaped by time, responsibility, and change.

The *Love Mocktail* journey began in 2020 as Krishna's directorial debut and quickly grew popular, earning a State Award and a devoted fan base. The sequel, released in 2022, reinforced that emotional connect, proving that content-driven storytelling could thrive even outside conventional formats. With the third installment, the makers are consciously moving towards a more mature, layered emotional space.

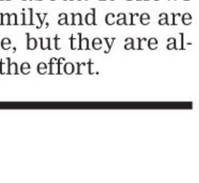
The film has Nakul Abhayankar scoring music. Cinematography and editing are taken care by Sri CrazyMindz, with Amar and Joana handling the production design.

Seetha Payanam to hit theatres in Feb

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Arjun's directorial, titled *Seetha Payanam*, finally has a release date. Starring Aishwarya Arjun and Niranjan Sudhindra, the film is all set to hit theatres on February 14. The Tamil-Telugu bilingual also stars Dhruva Sarja, Sathyaraj, Prakash Raj, Sumithra, and Kovai Sarala in key roles. Besides penning the story and screenplay for the film, Arjun will also be seen playing a prominent role in the film.

Seetha Payanam has music by Anup Rubens, cinematography by G Balamurugan, and editing by Ayub Khan. Arjun, who last directed *Sollividava* in 2018, returns to the director's chair with this project. On the acting front, he was last seen in Theeyavar Kulai Nadunga alongside Aishwarya Rajesh. He is also part of the tentatively titled AGS 28, in which he will be seen alongside Abhirami and Preity Mukundan.



A MIRROR TO THE HEART OF RELATIONSHIPS AND PARENTHOOD

THEERTHAROOPA TANDEYAVARIGE
Director: Ramenahalli Jagannatha
Cast: Nihar Mukesh, Rachana Inder, Sithara, Ravindra Vijay, Rajesh Nataranga, Ajith Hande, and Ashwitha R Hegde

A SHARADHAA

INITIALLY, as you sit to watch *Theertharoopa Tandeyavarige,* the film asks you to slow down and it does not rush to show or explain everything. It asks you to walk alongside its characters, notice the small moments in their lives, and feel the quiet spaces between words. Ramenahalli Jagannath, the director, who initially caught attention with Hondisi Bareyiri, observes life and relationships, and he wants you to observe it too.

Pruthvi (Nihar Mukesh), a travel vlogger, is always moving yet emotionally stuck. His journeys are less about discovering the world and more about avoiding home. His relationship with his mother, Janaki (Sithara), is heavy with unspoken tension. She worked as a tailor to give him an education and a life she could barely afford. She survives out of necessity, not heroism. Her quiet endurance carries the weight of a mother who has to take on both parental roles. Her relationship with Vishwanath (Rajesh Nataranga) caused embarrassment in Pruthvi's early years and left emotional scars. Memories of a father who left when he was four, combined with social judgment, add to his quiet anger and inner conflict.

On the other side, senior journalist Ravi Ramanathapura (Ajith Hande) has spent years searching for a missing person. His daughter Akshara (Rachana Inder), who admires Pruthvi's vlogs, enters his life through a school project. Their friendship grows gently, encouraging Pruthvi to face feelings he has long avoided. However, small differences in background, class, and education appear in quiet moments, showing how society can create distance between people. The film does not give simple answers. Why did Pruthvi's father leave? Who is Akshara's father searching for? Is Pruthvi's anger towards his mother entirely his own or influenced by society's judgment? These questions remain open, showing how silence and avoidance can push people apart.

One of the most moving threads is Ramya's (Ashwitha Hegde) story. Her life falls apart after media exposure. A leaked video, a newspaper article, and public curiosity are enough to push her into a corner. Jagannath avoids dramatic staging here. There are no loud confrontations or clear villains. The pain is shown through small actions. Ramya's father Shivashankar (Ravindra Vijay), a physics teacher, runs from shop to shop buying every copy of the newspaper that carries his daughter's name, which is the most haunting scene in the film, a desperate attempt to erase something that cannot be erased. Ink remains. Damage spreads.

Theertharoopa Tandeyavarige's soul is its take on motherhood, and it is also where the title gets its justification. Janaki is not idealised; she is weary, patient, hurt, and quietly resilient. When her health declines due to emotional neglect, the film conveys its central theme: when a father is absent, a mother doesn't just raise a child; she must take on both roles. Authority, discipline, protection, and love rest on her. Her silence is a form of survival, not weakness. Pruthvi's (Nihar Mukesh) anger is not only about abandonment. It is also directed at society. Casual remarks, jokes, and whispered judgments affect him as much as personal loss. Father's Day becomes a quiet trigger, showing how repeated small moments, not a single event, can create lasting pain.

Cinematically, the film is patient and observant. Joe Costa's background score is subtle, never trying to dictate emotions. Deepak Yargera's cinematography captures faces and spaces thoughtfully, letting silence convey meaning. The camera often feels like a listener. The performances match this tone. Nihar Mukesh conveys Pruthvi's inner conflict with restraint. Rachana Inder adds warmth to Akshara, keeping the emotional weight in check. Sithara grounds the story with genuine strength. Ravindra Vijay leaves a strong mark within the screen time he is provided, while Rajesh Nataranga's presence is quietly impactful. Even supporting roles like Ajith Hande enrich the narrative, allowing emotions to surface naturally.

Theertharoopa Tandeyavarige does not provide a neat closure. It raises questions about family, social judgment, the responsibility of pen and paper. It is a film to watch slowly, to feel, and to think about. It shows that love, family, and care are never simple, but they are always worth the effort.